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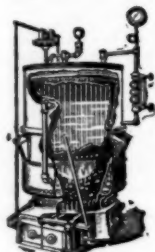
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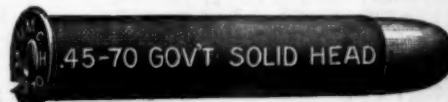
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DANIEL S. LAMONT, Secretary of War.

JOSEPH B. DOE, Assistant Secretary of War.

G. O. 91, H. Q. A., Dec. 23, 1893.

Publishes order from the War Department of Dec. 19 authorizing officers who have been, or may hereafter be, detailed for duty as Acting Commissaries of Subsistence at posts and stations to keep, while so detailed, in their office safes, or in their personal possession, at their own risk, funds of the Subsistence Department not exceeding, in any case, the sum set opposite the name of the post or station at which service as A. C. S. is rendered.

G. O. 92, H. Q. A., Dec. 26, 1893.

By direction of the Secretary of War, the following will be inserted in the Army Regulations and numbered paragraph 1754½:

1754½. Vacancies in the grade of 1st Lieutenant in the Signal Corps are filled by transfer from the line of the Army. To be eligible, an officer must be less than thirty years of age, must have served at least two years as an officer of the line in the Army, and must have passed a satisfactory examination before a board of officers of the Signal Corps. Applications for examination will be made to the Adjutant General. Should the applicant be directed to appear before a board, he will, after passing a satisfactory preliminary examination as to his physical qualifications, be examined upon the following subjects, or such other as the Secretary of War may prescribe: Theoretical and practical electricity; modern languages; chemistry and optics; military surveying and reconnaissance. The board will inquire into and consider the special military fitness for the Signal Corps of the candidate, and require from him an essay on a military subject.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:

GEO. D. RUGGLES, Adj.-Gen.

CORPS AND STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

Judge Advocate General's Department.

The leave granted Capt. Harvey C. Carbaugh, A. J. A., is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.).

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments

Capt. Oscar F. Long, A. Q. M., will proceed from Washington, D. C., to Fort Barrancas, Fla., and Fort McPherson, Ga., on official business (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.).

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Samuel E. Smiley, Q. M., 15th Inf., is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.).

Comy. Sergt. Wm. M. Connolly (appointed Dec. 20, 1893, from 1st sergt., Troop I, 5th Cav.,) will proceed to Fort Sherman, Idaho, for duty (S. O., Dec. 22, H. Q. A.).

Pay Department

The extension of leave granted Major Joseph W. Wham, paymr., is further extended twenty days (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

Major Charles E. Kilbourne, paymr., is relieved from duty in Washington, D. C., to take effect Jan. 1, and will proceed to Chicago, Ill., for temporary duty (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.).

Medical Department

1st Lieut. A. N. Stark, asst. surg., now at Ft. Sam Houston, will proceed to Fort Bliss, Texas, for temporary duty (S. O. 139, Dec. 21, D. Tex.).

Leave for two months, to take effect on or about Jan. 15, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Major John D. Hall, surg. (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.).

Hospl. Steward Edward Meagher, now at Fort Clark, will be sent to new Fort Bliss, Tex., for temporary duty, and Asst. Hospl. Steward Max Werner, now on temporary duty at the latter post, will be sent to his proper station, Fort Clark, Texas, when able to travel (S. O. 139, Dec. 21, D. Tex.).

Pvt. Matthew McElhinney, H. C., is relieved from temporary duty at Fort Clark, and will be sent to Fort Sam Houston, Tex. (S. O. 139, Dec. 21, D. Tex.).

Pvt. Fred Reese, Co. E, 8th Inf., is transferred to the Hospital Corps as a private; Pvt. Patrick B. McLaughlin, H. C., is assigned to duty at Benicia Bks., Cal. (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

The Comdg. Gen. Dept. Dakota will grant a furlough from Feb. 15 to May 1, 1894, to Hospl. Steward John Schwenkenberg, now on duty at Fort Assiniboine, Mont. (S. O., Dec. 22, H. Q. A.).

The following changes in the Hospital Corps are made: Hospl. Steward Fred R. Elsner (appointed Dec. 21, 1893), now on temporary duty at Fort Wingate, N. M., is assigned to duty at that post; Hospl. Steward John S. Neate (appointed Dec. 21, 1893), now at Fort Myer, Va., is assigned to duty at that post; Hospl. Steward Charles A. Krick (appointed Dec. 21, 1893), now at Fort Assiniboine, Mont., is assigned to duty at that post; Hospl. Steward Morgan Savidge (appointed Dec. 21, 1893), now at Ft. Reno, O. T., will proceed to Fort Riley, Kas., for duty; Hospl. Steward Emil Walter (appointed Dec. 21, 1893), now at Fort Niagara, will proceed to Plattburgh Bks., N. Y., for duty; Hospl. Steward Oscar P. Temple (appointed Dec. 21, 1893), now at Fort Riley, Kas., is assigned to duty at that post; Hospl. Steward John Nan Kervis (appointed Dec. 21, 1893), now at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, will proceed to Fort Bowie, A. T., for duty; Hospl. Steward Lewis J. Schmidt (appointed Dec. 21, 1893), now at Fort Bayard, N. M., will proceed to San Carlos, A. T., for duty; Pvt. Charles J. Wahlquist, detailed as acting hospital steward, now at Fort Niobrara, Neb., will proceed to Fort Riley, Kas., for duty; Pvt. Wm. Peake, detailed as acting hospital steward, is assigned to duty at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; Pvt. Ludwig Schoenfeldt, acting hospital steward, will proceed to Fort Bayard, N. M., for duty; Pvt. Wm. H. Hutchinson, acting hospital steward, will proceed to Fort Washakie, Wyo., for duty; Pvt. Gustavus Johnson, acting hospital steward, will proceed to Fort Sheridan, Ill., for duty; Asst. Hospl. Steward John Vantigue will proceed to West Point, N. Y., for duty; Hospl. Steward Michael Leahy and Pte. Will G. Butler and Richard Evans will proceed to Fort Sheridan, Ill., for duty (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.).

Pvts. Herman Isaac, Co. B, 11th Inf.; Bruce Lawrence, Co. A, 23d Inf., and Harvey Stockwell, Co. G, 5th Inf., are transferred to the Hospital Corps as privates (S. O., Dec. 26, H. Q. A.).

Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

Leave for twenty days, to take effect on or about Jan. 2, is granted 2d Lieut. Albert M. D'Armit, C. E. (S. O. 59, Dec. 21, C. E.).

Leave for four days, to take effect Dec. 27, is granted Capt. Wm. M. Black, C. E. (S. O. 60, Dec. 22, C. E.).

Leave for seven days, taken by Capt. John Mills, C. E., is extended four days (S. O. 61, Dec. 26, C. E.).

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Wm. E. Craighill, C. E., is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.).

Signal Corps.

The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Signal Corps are ordered: Capt. Wm. A. Glasford, from Washington, D. C., to Denver, Colo., for duty as Chief Signal Officer of that Department. Capt. Glasford will assume control, on Jan. 1, of all military telegraph lines in that Department, relieving 1st Lieut. Frank Greene, Sig. Corps, and Frederick R. Day, 20th Inf., A. S. O., of these duties. Lieut. Greene will proceed from Los Angeles to San Francisco, Cal. (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.).

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hdqs., C. E. F. G. H. and K. Ft. Grant; D, Ft. Apache, B and I, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; L, Ft. Custer, Mont.; A, Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

Pvt. Jeremiah Cahill, on Dec. 21, was appointed corporal, vice Semple, promoted.

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Anson Mills.

Hdqs., A, B and H, Ft. Reno, O. T.; C, E, F and G, Fort Riley, Kas.; I, Ft. Sill, O. T.; D, Ft. Supply, I. T.; L, Ft. Meade, S. D.—Indian troop.

1st Lieut. H. L. Ripley, Acting Engineer Officer of the Department, will proceed to Laredo, Tex., and return, on public business (S. O. 140, Dec. 22, D. Tex.).

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdqs., A, C, D and H, Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; G, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F, Boise Bks., Idaho; B, I, and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

The following transfers are made: 2d Lieut. Edward D. Anderson, from Troop H to L, and Edward B. Cassatt, from Troop L to H (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdqs., C and D, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; A and H, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; B, Ft. Clark, Tex.; F, Camp Eagle Pass, Tex.; E and I, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; J and K, Ft. Brown, Tex.

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Joseph E. Cusack in S. O. 126, No. 16, 1893, Dept. of Texas, is extended two months (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

6th Cavalry, Colonel David S. Gordon.

Hdqs., A, E, G, H, K and L, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; D and I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; B, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; F, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

The leave granted Major Thomas C. Lebo is extended 15 days (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

Sergt. Charles R. Metcalfe, Troop I, for drunkenness, gambling with private soldiers, etc., has been dishonorably discharged, and Sergt. Carl Schuster, Troop D, for gambling with private soldiers, etc., has been mulcted \$30.

8th Cavalry, Colonel Caleb H. Carlton.

Hdqs., A, B, C, E, I, and K, Ft. Meade, S. D.; D, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; L, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.; H, Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

Leave for three months, to take effect on or before Feb. 10, is granted Capt. Henry F. Kendall (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdqs., A, D, E, F, G and I, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B and H, Fort Du Chesse, Utah; C, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; K, Fort Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

Leave for one month, to take effect on or about Jan. 20, is granted 1st Lieut. Clarence A. Stedman, Fort Robinson, Neb., with permission to apply for an extension of fifteen days (S. O. 123, Dec. 15, D. Platte.).

Leave for one month, on surgeon's certificate, to take effect on the expiration of the ordinary leave granted him, is granted 1st Lieut. Alfred B. Jackson (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

10th Cavalry, Colonel John K. Mizer.

Hdqs., B, E, G and K, Ft. Custer, Mont.; C and F, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; D and H, Ft. Buford, N. D.; A, Ft. Keogh, Mont.

1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon.

Hdqs., A, G, I, and K, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; H, C, D, and L, Ft. Vadsow, N. Y.; E, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; B, H, and M, Ft. Columbus, N. Y.; F, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Wm. Lasalter is extended one month on surgeon's certificate (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.).

2nd Artillery, Colonel Richard Ledor.

Hdqs., C, G, and M, Ft. Adams, R. I.; K, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E, Ft. Proctor, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A and F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; H and L, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.—Light battery.

Leave for 15 days is granted 2d Lieut. E. J. Timberlake (S. O. 287, Dec. 26, D. East.).

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Oleson.

Hdqs., A, G, I, and M, Washington Bks., D. C.; B, Ft. Adams, R. I.; C, D, and L, Ft. McHenry, Md.; E, Ft. Riley, Kas.; H, K, and K, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

The funeral of Samuel L. Hinson, late private, Bat. A, will take place Dec. 20. Capt. Walter Howe is placed in charge of the ceremonies (Orders 212, Washington Bks., 1893.).

5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham.

Hdqs., B, D, F, H, K, and L, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; M, Ft. Mason, Cal.; A and C, Ft. Custer, Wash.; E and I, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

Sergt. J. D. Jerome, Bat. I, for absence without leave, has been reduced and mulcted \$30.

1st Lieut. Wm. H. Coffin is detailed as recorder of the examining board convened at the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., vice 1st Lieut. John McClellan, relieved (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.).

1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter
Hdqs., B, C, D, E, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; A, K, and G, Benicia Bks., Cal.

Leave for one month, to take effect upon being relieved from duty in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Ill., is granted 1st Lieut. Lewis H. Strother (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

2nd Infantry, Colonel John C. Bates.

Hdqs., A, H, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Omaha, Neb.—Indian Company.

Leave for one month, to the effect on or about Dec. 17, is granted 1st Lieut. Thomas H. Wilson, Fort Omaha, Neb., with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 123, Dec. 15, D. Platte.).

2d Lieut. John L. Hines, Fort Omaha, Neb., is detailed to witness the issue of annuity goods to the Indians at the Santee Agency, Neb., and Yankton Agency, S. D., for the current fiscal year, in place of 2d Lieut. Harry E. Wilkins, who is relieved (S. O. 126, Dec. 19, D. Platte.).

Leave for 15 days, to take effect on or about Dec. 22, is granted Col. John C. Bates, Fort Omaha, Neb. (S. O. 126, Dec. 19, D. Platte.).

4th Infantry, Colonel Robert H. Hall.

Hdqs., A, B, D, E, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; G and I, Ft. Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.

Leave for 14 days, to take effect Dec. 21, is granted 1st Lieut. Dwight E. Holley (S. O. 133, Dec. 19, D. Mo.).

5th Infantry, Colonel James J. Van Horn.

Hdqs., A, E, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; C and D, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F and I, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; B and G, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.—Indian company.

Leave for one month, to take effect on or about Jan. 1, is granted 1st Lieut. Colville P. Terrett, Fort McKinney, Wyo., with permission to apply for an extension of three months (S. O. 123, Dec. 9, D. Platte.).

12th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Townsend.

Hdqs., E, and G, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A, F, and H, Ft. Yates, N. D.; B, C, and D, Ft. Sully, S. D.; I, Ft. Vernon Bks., Ala.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. Stephen C. Mills, now on leave at San Francisco, Cal., will report to Col. Wm. M. Graham, 5th Art., president of the examining board convened at the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., for examination as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.).

Sergt. James Hallahan, Co. G, has been mulcted one month's pay for absence without leave, etc., while on a practice march.

13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.

Hdqs., C, and G, Ft. Sill, Okla.; A, A and D, Fort Reno, O. T.; E, and H, Ft. Supply, I. T.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. Marion B. Saffold (S. O. 132, Dec. 15, D. Mo.).

1st Lieut. Marion B. Saffold is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.).

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, and G, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

Leave for one month, to take effect between Dec. 22, 1893, and Jan. 2, 1894, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. Samuel E. Smiley, R. Q. M. (S. O. 133, Dec. 19, D. Mo.).

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Laselle.

Hdqs., A, C, D and H, Fort Bliss, Tex.; B and G, Fort Clark, Tex.; E, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; F, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.

19th Infantry, Colonel Simon Snyder.

Hdqs., A, E, G, and H, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B, D and F, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Edward P. Lawton is extended 14 days (S. O. 133, Dec. 19, D. Mo.).

21st Infantry, Colonel Horace Jewett.

Hdqs., A, C, and E, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.; B and H, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; D, F, G, and I, Fort Sidney, Neb.—Indian company.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. John S. Parke, Jr., is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 22, H. Q. A.).

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, F, G, and H, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; E, Ft. Pembina, N. D.

Leave for two months, to take effect on or about Jan. 15, is granted Capt. Mott Hooton (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.

Hdqs., D, E, F and G, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; A, B, C and H, Ft. Huachuca, A. T.

25th Infantry, Colonel Andrew S. Burt.

Hdqs., F, G, and H, Ft. Missoula, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Custer, Mont.; B, C, and E, Ft. Buford, N. D.

Leave for nine days, to take effect Dec. 23, is granted 1st Lieut. Amos B. Shattuck, Willits Point, N. Y. (S. O. 59, Dec. 21, C. E.).

Appointments, etc., recorded in the A.-G. O., Dec. 23, 1893.

PROMOTIONS.

Medical Department.

Lieut.-Col. Charles C. Byrne, Dep. Surg. Gen., to be Asst. Surg. Gen., with the rank of Colonel, Dec. 4, 1893, vice Page, retired from active service.

Major Samuel M. Horton, Surg., to be Dep. Surg. Gen., with the rank of Lieut. Col., Dec. 4, 1893, vice Byrne, promoted.

Capt. Walter Reed, Asst. Surg., to be Surg. with the rank of Major, Dec. 4, 1893, vice Horton, promoted.

CASUALTIES.

Capt. John M. Norvell (retired), died Dec. 18, 1893, at Detroit, Mich.

2d Lieut. Hugh Swain, 23d Inf., resigned Dec. 1, 1893.

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 18. Detail: Capt. David J. Craigie, 15th Inf.; Edward L. Randall, 5th Inf.; John F. Stretch, 10th Inf., and Samuel L. Woodward, 10th Cav.; 1st Lieut. James P. Jackson, 7th Inf.; Carter P. Johnson, 10th Cav., and Frank F. Eastman, 14th Inf.; 2d Lieut. James A. Ryan, 10th Cav., and Oren B. Meyer, 2d Cav., and 1st Lieut. Milton F. Jamar, 18th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 122, Dec. 15, D. Mo.).

At Fort Du Chesne, Utah, Dec. 27. Detail: Capt. Louis H. Rucker, 9th Cav.; Samuel Q. Robinson, asst. surg.; Eugene D. Dimmick, 9th Cav.; George H. Palmer and Leven C. Allen, 1st Lieut. John Newton, 16th Inf., and Lewis M. Koehler, 2d Lieut. Charles Young, 9th Cav., and 1st Lieut. Charles J. Stevens, 9th Cav., J. A. (S. O. 50, Dec. 16, D. Colorado).

At Fort Sheridan, Ill., Dec. 21. Detail: Major Theodore A. Baldwin, 7th Cav.; Capt. Henry H. Humphreys, 4th Cav.; H. Conrad, Edward S. Chapin, 15th Inf., and Chas. A. Varum, 7th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Samuel S. Pague, 2d Lieut. Harry J. Hirsch, 15th Inf.; Frank E. Harris, 1st Art., and Frank B. McKenna, 15th Inf., and 1st Lieut. John Cotter, 16th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 133, Dec. 19, D. Mo.).

At Fort Hamilton, N. Y., Jan. 1. Detail: Capt. E. Van A. Andrews, John W. Dillon, 3d Art., and Richard G. Shaw, 1st Lieut. Clermont L. Best, Jr., John T. Honeycutt, Frederick Marsh, David Price, 1st Art., and Charles F. Parker, 2d Art.; 2d Lieut. Oscar I. Straub, Wm. J. Snow, Frank W. Coo, Wm. Chamberlaine and Samuel C. Hazzard, 1st Art., and 1st Lieut. Albert Todd, 1st Art., J. A. (S. O. 288, Dec. 27, D. East.).

At Washington Bks., D. C., Jan. 3. Detail: Major Jacob E. Hawley, Capt. Wm. Knoll, Constantine Onas and Walter Howe, 1st Lieut. Wm. P. Stone, 4th Art.; John K. Cree, 2d Art., and Wirt Robinson, 2d Lieut. Walter A. Bethel, Andrew Hero, Jr., Henry H. Whitney, Samuel A. Kephart, Gordon G. Heiner and David M. King, 4th Art., and 1st Lieut. Ira A. Haynes, 4th Art., J. A. (S. O. 285, Dec. 27, D. East.).

At Fort Myer, Va., Jan. 3. Detail: Capt. James M. Bell, 7th Cav.; Martin B. Huber, 9th Cav.; Peter S. Bonnus, 1st Cav., and Samuel W. Fountain, 1st Lieut. Matthew F. Steele, 8th Cav., and James W. Benton, 2d Lieut. Alexander W. Perry, 9th Cav.; Alfred C. Merrill, 8th Cav., and Robert Sewell, 7th Cav., and 2d Lieut. J. F. Reynolds Landis, 1st Cav., J. A. (S. O. 288, Dec. 27, D. East.).

At Fort Brown, Tex., Dec. 27. Detail: Major W. H. Hamner, paymtr.; Capt. W. B. Davis, asst. surg.; H. S. Bishop and H. W. Wheeler, 1st Lieut. J. J. Goldman, 5th Cav., and 2d Lieut. S. G. Jones, Jr., 5th Cav., J. A. (S. O. 140, Dec. 22, D. Tex.).

At Jefferson Bks., Mo., Dec. 20. Detail: Capt. John B. Kerr, 6th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Horatio G. Sichel, 7th Cav.; John A. Johnston, 8th Cav.; Percy B. Tripp, 10th Cav.; Roger B. Bryan, 2d Cav.; Gonzales S. Bingham, 9th Cav.; Richard B. Paddock, 6th Cav., and Edward L. Mueson, asst. surg., and 1st Lieut. John A. Lockwood, 4th Cav., J. A. (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.).

At Fort Monroe, Va., Jan. 8. Detail: Maj. Henry C. Hasbrouck, 4th Art.; Capt. J. L. Tieron, 3d Art.; J. M. Ixallie, 1st Art.; Wells Willard, Sub. Dept.; John P. Scory, 4th Art.; Wm. P. Voce, 2d Art.; George G. Greenough, 4th Art.; Wm. A. Kohbe, 3d Art., and Wm. F. Stewart, 4th Art.; 1st Lieut. Wm. B. Homer, 5th Art., and 1st Lieut. Wm. P. Duval, 5th Art., J. A. (S. O. 390, Dec. 28, D. East.).

Examinations for Transfer.

The following officers will report at the office of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, Washington, D. C., Jan. 4, 1894, for examination with a view to a selection for transfer to the Signal Corps: 1st Lieut. Samuel Reber, 9th Cav., and George O. Squier, 3d Art. (S. O., Dec. 26, H. Q. A.).

World's Fair.

The following officers will stand relieved from duty pertaining to the World's Columbian Exposition, Jan. 1, 1894: Capt. Walter S. Schuyler, 5th Cav.; Edward J. McClelland, 2d Cav.; John Pitcher, 1st Cav., and Wm. A. Shunk, 8th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Lewis H. Strother, 1st Inf.; 2d Lieut. Guy H. Preston, 9th Cav., and Ed A. Helmiok, 4th Inf. (S. O. 132, Dec. 15, D. Mo.).

College Duty.

1st Lieut. Asa T. Abbott, U. S. A., retired, is announced as relieved from duty at the Bishop Seabury Mission, Fairbault, Minn., Nov. 3, by operation of law, under the act of Congress approved Nov. 3, 1893, limiting the tour of officers on collegiate duty to four years (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

To Join Station.

The following officers and enlisted men are relieved from further duty at Jackson Park, Chicago, Ill., on the date mentioned, and will join their proper stations: Major Geo. M. Randall, 4th Inf., Dec. 31; 1st Lieut. Alfred M. Palmer, 24th Inf., Dec. 31, and John S. Kulp, asst. surg., Dec. 23, and Hospital Stew. Michael Leahy and three privates of the Hospital Corps, Dec. 23 (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

Retirements of Enlisted Men.

The following enlisted men, now at the stations designated after their respective names, are, upon their own application, placed upon the retired list, and will repair to their homes: Corporal Patrick A. Doyle, Detachment Army Service men, Q. M. Dept., West Point, N. Y.; Q. M. Sergt. John Berry, 1st Inf.; Angel Island, Cal., and Gony. Sergt. Amos C. Raymond, Fort Sherman, Idaho (S. O., Dec. 21, H. Q. A.).

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT WARREN, MASS.

DECEMBER 26.

At Ft. Warren an unusually gay season seems to have reached its culmination in the Christmas festivities. Space will permit mention of but a few of the principal events of the week. Christmas being so peculiarly the children's day the tree naturally heads the list.

An expectant audience, largely composed of the little ones of our garrison, was assembled in the gymnasium hall promptly at a quarter to seven. The walls were appropriately and most artistically decorated with evergreens chiefly, and the Stars and Stripes floated triumphantly from the topmost boughs of the beautiful Christmas tree blazing with myriad lights and glowing beneath the weight of its abundant fruit. The entertainment opened with recitations by the children and, during the intervals, soft strains of music floated in from the adjoining ball room. Suddenly the sound of a bugle was heard without, and the breathless pause of expectation which followed was broken by the appearance of none other than the jolly old Saint himself tumbling in through a convenient window. Being such a busy man St. Nicholas was naturally obliged to be expeditious in the distribution of the presents, which was performed in a manner (judging by the happy faces of the children) satisfactory to all. Thanks are especially due to Miss Margaret Schenk and Geo. Blakely, to whose untiring energy we are indebted for the accomplishment of this marked success.

After the children's frolic came the turn of the older members of the garrison in the pleasant gathering at the quarters of Maj. Sinclair. Games were indulged in until a late hour and delicious refreshments and pretty souvenirs completed the enjoyment of a most delightful evening. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Morris, Lt. and Mrs. Schenck, Lt. and Mrs. Hawthorne, Miss Blanche Stanley, Misses Margaret and Sue Schenk, Lita Blakely and Ostheim.

On Tuesday a most enjoyable hop was held in the dancing hall. It was generally attended by the visiting and resident young people of the post. The tasteful costumes of the ladies, the bright uniforms of the officers, together with the elaborate decorations of the ball room, and excellent music procured from Boston for the occasion, and last but not least, the efficient direction of the able hop managers, Lita Ostheim and Blakely, combined to make one of the most brilliant affairs of the season.

The presence of a number of visitors at the post adds much to the festivity of the holiday season. "Mass."

ORDNANCE NOTES.

An acceptance test of armor-piercing projectiles for the Army will be held at Sandy Hook Saturday, Dec. 30. These shells are for 12-inch mortars, and are manufactured at Pittsburgh. Several shots will be fired from three lots submitted.

A series of interesting tests will shortly be held at the Naval Proving Grounds down the Potomac River. They will include tests of the Hurst gun and projectiles. Tests of two armor plates were held this week which were thought to be defective upon preliminary examination, but the trials proved the plates to fulfill all requirements.

The Riehle Brothers' Testing Machine Company of Philadelphia, has just completed a vertical screw power testing machine of 400,000 pounds capacity for Cornell University. It will test specimen bars of metal ten feet in length, and is also adapted for crushing tests of cement and similar materials. It is described as the largest screw power machine ever constructed in the United States.

Dr. Wellbrech, of Germany, has recently submitted to the Bureau of Ordnance, War Department, samples of a smokeless powder invented by him, for tests by the ordnance officers. He claims for the powder that it will retain all its properties under all extremes of temperature; that it is a pure nitro-cellulose powder; that its manufacture is under such compact conditions that perfect uniformity can be secured and velocities and pressure modified regularly between considerable limits. It is considered very desirable by the authorities of the War Department to obtain a powder which does not contain nitro-glycerine, and Dr. Wellbrech's samples will soon be given an exhaustive test in this country.

The experiments made at the Torpedo Station, Newport, to determine the effect upon animal life in submerged vessels by an explosion of a heavy charge of gun cotton under water, have demonstrated to the ordnance experts that a vessel in the condition of that used would be sunk, but it is not yet known whether the cats, pigeons, and other animals were killed by the concussion or suffered death by drowning. It is believed, however, that the shock was undoubtedly sufficient to have killed all on board. Experiments made in England some years ago to determine the effect of an explosion of 500 pounds of compressed gun cotton on the bottom of a ship, 100 feet distant, showed that the vessel was damaged enough to cause her to leak and sink, but that the animals aboard suffered no injury from the explosion. The charge of gun cotton used at Newport recently, was 70 pounds less than the quantity used in England, but the target was 420 feet away. This explosion was calculated to secure a pressure of 50 pounds to the square-inch.

In the case of Smith and Wesson against M. Delcheff, the principal armorer of Liege, Belgium, for damages for the alleged counterfeiting of the Smith and Wesson revolvers, before the Correctional Tribunal, M. Delindene, speaking for Smith and Wesson, said that Delcheff's Liege imitation of the American weapon had inundated the American market to the detriment of the genuine article. The defense set up that the accused believed the Smith and Wesson mark to be a common one and in their catalogue advertised Smith and Wesson revolvers. M. Robert, on behalf of the accused, contended that all of the Liege arms makers were equally liable. They had made, he said, what their predecessors since 1855 had legally made. No patents having been filed the mark "S. and W." had become public property. How, then, could the Springfield house file the mark? When did the patent mark become a fabrication mark? M. Robert dwelt upon this distinction and questioned the plaintiff's power to bring suit for damages. It would be far more just, he said, to prosecute Americans who pirate Liege manufactures.

THE AUSTERLITZ CAMPAIGN.

The success of the landing would have thus been rendered almost secure, and the arrival of this squadron was awaited by the Emperor with the liveliest anxiety. Although most cleverly conceived, this plan of campaign was thwarted by a British squadron which intercepted Admiral Villeneuve off Ferrol. I was told what follows by M. Daru. The Emperor sent for him the moment he received the bad news that his admiral, on leaving Ferrol, had shaped his course towards Cadiz, instead of towards Brest, as he had been instructed to do. M. Daru was impelled to listen to the Emperor's most bitter invectives against the incompetency and bad management of the unfortunate Villeneuve, whom he was probably blaming beyond what he deserved. But, this first burst of anger having subsided, M. Daru received orders to take a pen and get ready to write. Thereupon, the great general, at once dismissing from his mind the subject of his recent irritation, renouncing the plans he had pondered over for a couple of years, and to which he had devoted so much care, so many efforts, and so large a sum of money, gave up his mind to an entirely new order of ideas, and entering into the state of calmness necessary for him to combine his plans, dictated at one stroke all the orders necessary for transporting into the heart of Germany the army whose camp could be seen from the British shores. These orders embraced every detail and revealed wonderful forethought. The number of marches, the locating of each and every corps, and their position on the vast battle-field which was to unroll itself to them, were calculated with the utmost precision. Never, perhaps, did the genius of military operations on a large scale, strengthened and animated by a force of character rising above all events, manifest itself to a higher degree. M. Daru, when telling me this, fifteen years later, was still dumfounded with admiration. So great and rare a talent had its due reward, for never was there a grander and more complete success than this one. The camp at Boulogne was broken up, and the French army was on the banks of the Danube. One might think that the whole of Europe was, for that army, but an enlarged parade ground. In less than three months from the dictating of that letter, the surrender of

Ulm, a series of fights each one surpassing the other in its brilliant results, the taking of Vienna, crowned by the battle of Austerlitz, raised the glory of the French armies and of the Emperor to a degree surpassing anything seen heretofore.—From the *Pasquier Memoirs*, Charles Scribner's Sons.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

WEST POINT.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1893.

SPRING weather accompanied the celebration of Christmas at the post. A sudden fall in temperature on the day following has been succeeded by weather more in keeping with the calendar. The subject of Christmas leave has been agitating cadets' minds for some time past. The limit of demerit was placed at 14. The maximum leave was of three days duration, granted to cadets whose demerits did not exceed 7. The minimum leave lasted one day. About thirty took advantage of the privilege.

The holiday was observed much as usual. Labor was suspended. Good dinners enjoyed by cadets at the Mess Hall and by the enlisted men at barracks marked the day.

Services, conducted by Prof. Postlethwaite, were held at Cadet Chapel at 11 A. M. A reception was given by Mrs. Ernst in the afternoon, at which the guests were the young ladies of the post and the members of the 1st Class of Cadets.

A cadet hop took place in Grant Hall on Saturday.

On Tuesday afternoon from shortly after three o'clock until six, the post school house was filled with the children and their friends to whom an entertainment was offered which seemed a source of equal pleasure to the children and their hosts and hostesses. Mrs. Ernst, assisted by a number of the ladies of the post, dispensed refreshments to the audience after the opening exercises, consisting of the singing of carols by the children, and been concluded. In the midst of the feast a shrill whistle attracted the attention of the children from the good things before them, and the entrance of Santa Claus, (Lieut. Mott, disguised beyond possible recognition) bearing a pack of huge dimensions, evoked a storm of applause. The pack was soon emptied and Santa Claus departed for a second supply, which quickly disappeared in like manner. When the excitement had somewhat subsided the audience settled down into comparative quiet to witness a Punch and Judy Show. The adventures of Mr. Punch were never followed by a more appreciative audience. The entertainment was not yet over, for a screen was placed in front of the theatre in which the show had taken place, and the adventures of Tommy Tupper and others were then portrayed thereon under the direction of Prof. Michls. It was dark when the company dispersed to their homes, each small boy and girl bearing a supply of candy and fruit as a souvenir of a day that will doubtless long be remembered.

Major R. C. Parker and Mrs. Parker are guests of Lieut. and Mrs. Kuhn. Miss Gilmore, of Washington, is a guest of Mrs. Laroed.

Michael Graber, Army Service Detachment, who had been in the Service for 23 years, was crushed while hauling stone on Saturday. The injuries received resulted in his death on Monday. The funeral took place this afternoon. Interment in post cemetery.

The following programme will be given by the children this evening at the Post School House: Opening Address, Mary Noonan; Song, "Christmas Carol." The School: A Christmas Acrostic, Nine little girls; Drill of the Patriots, Twenty-four girls and one as Goddess of Liberty; Dramatic Persons, "The Day After Christmas," Mary Noonan, Stephen McCormick, Richard Quicke; Dialogue, "The Old and New Year," M. Wise, A. O'Connor, M. Noonan, J. Dwyer, C. Oberle, M. Dahlman; Song, "With Hearts Truly Grateful," The School; Woman's Rights, M. Wise, H. Bannigan, M. Noonan, H. Alchib, D. Hendrick, S. Medor, M. G. and Medler, R. Quicke, W. H. Gibson; Broom Drill, Misses, Sixteen girls, Miss K. Reilly, Captain; A Charade, N. Smith, H. Rose, M. Dahlman; Song, "Christmas Waltz Song," The School.

Ex-Cadet Herbert Rogers, of New York, of whose supposed disappearance the daily papers have published accounts, was found by his father with friends at Newburgh, New York.

Cadet appointments to West Point have been issued during the past week to:

John W. Dawson, Jr., Baltimore, 3d Dist., Md.
Chas. A. Rapsber, (Alt.) Mauch Chunk, 3d Dist., Pa.
Frank N. Blakemore, Salisbury, 5th Dist., Tenn.
Joseph T. Linney, Vashli, 8th Dist., N. C.
James B. Gowan, Brooklyn, 6th Dist., N. Y.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. 1345, White, of Cal. To pay to Dr. James L. Ord, \$2,283 for private property belonging to him, burned on the night of Feb. 22, 1890, at Fort Grant, where he was stationed as an A. A. Surgeon, U. S. A.

S. 1363, Hanton (by request). To place Francis Scala on the retired list as a band leader of the U. S. Marine Corps, with the pay and privileges according with the thirty years of service, and to pay him the entire amount of money due to him, and not paid to him, in accordance with his rank of a retired band leader from Dec. 14, 1871, to the date of the passage of this act; said Francis Scala having enlisted on board of the U. S. ship frigate *Brandywine*, in the Bay of Naples, Italy, in the year 1841, and having been discharged at the marine barracks in Washington, D. C., Dec. 14, 1871.

H. R. 4918, Van Voorhis, of Ohio. That on the application of the Governor of any State or Territory the Secretary of War be, and hereby is, authorized, in his discretion, to issue for the sole use of the National Guard in said State or Territory any 3 inch muzzle loading rifle field gun, wrought iron, or 3 inch breechloading rifle field gun, steel or machine (Hotchkiss or Gatling) or rapid fire guns with limbers, carriages, caissons, implements, and harness for the same, which may be on hand and not immediately needed for the service of the Regular force. Before receiving such guns the Governors of said States or Territories shall furnish security satisfactory to the Secretary of War for the care and return of said stores when the same shall be demanded for use to be in addition to any issues made to the States or Territories under the Act of Feb. 12, 1877, and the cost of such issues not to be charged against the allotment made to any State or Territory under the annual appropriation made in said Act of Feb. 12, 1877: Provided, That no more than four guns, with the carriages, limbers, caissons, implements, harness, and so forth, necessary for the proper equipment and service thereof shall be issued to any State or Territory having less than 5,000 regularly enrolled, enlisted, and uniformed active militia, and that any stores so issued shall be annually accounted for to the Secretary of War by the Governor of the State or Territory: And provided further, That issues under this act can be made to the District of Columbia as to the Territories, the annual account for stores received being made by the Commanding General, National Guard, District of Columbia.

The January number of *Romance* contains two New Year stories, prepared especially for this issue; a thrilling story of the French Revolution, by Anatole France; an exciting sea story by William Lird Clowes; and the usual complement of animal, adventure, love and ghost stories. This magazine is always strong in humor, and the present issue contains no less than three distinctively humorous tales. *Romance* is issued by Romance Publishing Company at \$2.50 a year.

ENFORCED ATTENDANCE AT LYCEUMS.

"As for me," said Patrick Henry, "give me liberty or give me death." In the spirit of this immortal saying one of our captains of infantry discoursed recently before the lyceum at his post upon the question: "Is Enforced Attendance at Lyceum Beneficial?" With some introductory remarks disclaiming any purpose of personal criticism, and describing what he regards as the "fad" of instruction, in excess of the actual requirements of experienced officers, the essayist goes on to say:

This mode of intellectualism has swept for two or three seasons over our little Army, and I ask candidly, What are the results? Are officers becoming really more fit for the practical work of the Army, or is the whole scheme degenerating into a farce? I myself firmly believe the latter. On every hand I see officers using their utmost endeavors to escape this schoolboy thralldom. One says: I have passed my examination for my next grade, therefore why should I attend the school (he gets excited)? Another says: I am charged with certain staff duties, and it will be derogatory to the interests of the Service for me to be absent from these duties on Monday at 11.15 A. M.—he is excused. Another works hard and procures a bunting pass and is absent from recitation. In fact, everything technical or practical that can be seized upon for an excuse is worked to the last extent to escape from the school hour. Does this show that the minds of our officers are intent upon the benefits to be derived from this schooling; that they believe that their minds will become broader, more acute, or raised upon a higher intellectual plane by this schoolboy procedure; that they take heart and interest in it? I believe not. I believe that what is done in this line by student officers is done simply because they have to, because it is enforced by orders they are bound to obey, and that in their own minds they admit that the whole thing is a farce-comedy, to be gotten over as lightly as possible, with as little brain friction as necessary, and in as perfunctory a manner as the rules of the Service will admit.

I have listened during the past year of this schooling to the reading of numerous essays, how to saddle a horse, how to hit him, ride him and feed him; how field intrenchments should be thrown up; how men should be fed; how infantry should be marched, camped and fought; and I must say, and I say it with the utmost respect to those whose papers were read, that I have not been greatly impressed with the originality of any of the ideas expressed or the practicability of any changes recommended, and it is for this reason that I say that they, the officers, have performed this intellectual duty in a great deal of a perfunctory manner and really have no interest in it. We are told that these recitations and this writing of essays is gotten up for our benefit, not for the sole purpose of enabling us to repay to the Government in intelligent work the equivalent of the money stipend allowed us, but to enable us to pass our examination to the next higher grade. Since when have they taken such passing interest in our future welfare and promotions? For one, I believe every officer should stand on his own bottom regarding his own examination. On him it all depends; he knows it and prepares for it, or not, and sinks or swims accordingly. If he fails some one is ready to take his place and military affairs run on as smooth without him as with him.

As for myself, I must admit that it is with a feeling of humiliation, almost, I might say, of degradation, that I take my book under my arm on Monday at 11.15 A. M. and while my way to school to be questioned and catechized like a giggling youth of 15. I think that morning of my long and, I hope, honorable service, of the wounds received over thirty years ago in the service of my country, of the hair grown gray since in long and arduous service on the western plains and Rocky Mountains, and I ask "Will it ever end?" Yes, it will end. When the exposures and sacrifices incident to 30 or 40 years of service puts in its final work, calling us down, and we are carried, the escort marching to the solemn dirge of the regimental band, to the little white fenced hill near the post. The mandate will then go forth and will be inscribed on the archives of the post, "This officer is excused from further attendance at the Lyceum."

PERSONAL ITEMS.

CAPTAIN GEO. B. HAYCOCK, U. S. M. C., is living in Washington at 1,632 19th street. He has been retired several years, and has not improved in health since that time.

P. A. SURGEON A. C. HEFFENGER, U. S. N., has made the old toad of Portsmouth, N. H., his home, and lives there surrounded by his friends, his books and his musical instruments.

CHIEF ENGINEER PHILIP INCH, U. S. N., of the Washington Navy-yard, has been somewhat under the weather for some time, but is now convalescent, and is at his office most of the time.

COMMANDER F. A. COOK, U. S. N., has taken the house of Comdr. Houston, of the Navy, No. 1,418 20th street, and will probably remain there the remainder of his tour of duty ashore.

P. A. ENGINEER DE W. C. REDGRAVE, U. S. N., finished his examination for promotion last week, and has returned to Baltimore, where he is on duty as assistant inspector of the Montgomery.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER GUSTAVE KAMMERLING, U. S. Navy, of the Coast Survey steamer *Bache*, was at the Navy Department last week on the lookout for a shore billet when his present cruise is up.

CHAPLAIN R. R. HOES, U. S. N., is on duty at the Naval Home, Philadelphia, and is engaged in the elaboration of his Hawaiian experiences gathered while at Honolulu attached to the *San Francisco*.

LAST Thursday afternoon at her residence, 1,264 New Hampshire avenue, Washington, Mrs. Richard Wainwright, wife of Lieut. Wainwright, of the Navy, gave a handsome tea announcing the debut of her daughter.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR PHILIP LANSDALE, U. S. N., is one of the old residents of Philadelphia, where he has always made his home, and where, since his retirement some years ago, he has resided. His present address is 1,014 Clinton street.

It is stated that Admiral Avellan of the Russian Navy, got \$70,000 worth of presents while recently in France. It is alleged besides that he received over a thousand letters from French women, each one of whom wanted a lock of his hair.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, accompanied by Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle, and Capt. Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., of the Lighthouse Board, left Washington, Dec. 26, for a shooting trip down the Potomac River, and were expected to return Dec. 29.

LIEUTENANT E. K. MOORE and Surg. M. H. Simons, U. S. N., who were detained several weeks at Mare Island to serve as members of the Ashbridge Court-martial, finally started for home the week before last on receipt of a telegram dissolving the court.

NAVAL CADET F. B. ZAHM, U. S. N., registered at the Herald office, Paris, France, Dec. 26.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR PHILIP HIGGINS, U. S. N., registered at the Astor House, New York City, early in the week.

NAVY officers registering this week in New York city are Naval Cadet W. L. Littlefield, Murray Hill Hotel; Chief Engineer R. W. Milligan, Astor House; Ensign H. A. Wiley and Mrs. Wiley, The Gerlach.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR THEODORE D. WILSON, late Chief of the Bureau of Construction, found in his Christmas mail a letter from Otto Van Golden, secretary of the Technical Society of the Pacific coast, informing him of his election as an honorary member.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND EX-SURG.-GEN. F. M. GUNNELL, U. S. N., continues to make his residence at the Capital, and occupies the pleasant house No. 926 B street, S. W. Notwithstanding his retirement Dr. Gunnell continues his interest in naval matters, and retains his health remarkably well.

MRS. DAVID SMITH, wife of Chief Engr. David Smith, U. S. N., gave a tea at her residence, 1,714 Connecticut ave., Washington, during the week just passed. She was assisted by her daughter Helen. Miss Smith has become quite well known in the Washington literary world, and intends doing more permanent work than heretofore.

ADMIRAL ROE, U. S. N., has just been nominated as Governor of Washington. D. C. Society of Colonial Wars, and elected vice-president of the Naval Order of the U. S., whose headquarters are in Boston. The admiral has resigned the vice-presidency of the Society of 1812, of Philadelphia, and Sons of the Revolution, of Washington, D. C., which he has held for some years, as the labor incident thereto is excessive for one of his years.

A PORT TOWNSEND despatch says: "Patrick Hutton, formerly of this place, writes from Honolulu that he has enlisted in President Dole's little Army, that his term of service is twelve months, that he receives \$40 a month, 'and found,' is well treated and has lately been promoted to Sergeant. Hutton was for years quartermaster on board the U. S. revenue cutter *Wolcott*, and was also guardian of the county jail here for a time and member of the local police force."

"There is one boy at least on board the training ship *Enterprise* who has a right to feel proud," says the Boston Transcript. "His name is C. M. Greene, and he ranks as cadet first officer in the ship's company. When the Governor and Executive Council recently made their annual inspection of the ship, the boys, and their work, he incidentally presented the McClellan Conduct Medal. Cadet Greene was the one selected by the officers of the ship to receive this token of faithful application to duty."

THE San Francisco papers publish an account of a difficulty between Asst. Surg. Geo. A. Lung, U. S. Navy, of the *Thetis*, and Manager Kennedy, of the Florence Hotel, San Diego, Cal. Having been incorrectly informed that Mr. Kennedy had insulted his wife, the Doctor administered the proper correction and was threatened with arrest for assault. Discovering his mistake he very properly apologized and the incident was closed.

UNDER the operations of law, backed up by the decisions of the Treasury Department officials, there are three officers in the Navy, on shore duty, who are receiving sea pay. Capt. Henry L. Howison, U. S. N., at the Mare Island Navy-yard, is the first on the list. By law the commandant of that yard is entitled to draw his pay as though at sea, besides which he is allowed the services of a gig's crew, gets his fuel, horse feed and gardener's labor free, and has quite a number of other perquisites as compensation for serving so "far away." Capt. Sam. C. Lemly, U. S. N., Judge Advocate General of the Navy, also gets sea pay by law, but has no perquisites. Comdr. Francis A. Cook, U. S. N., assistant to the Bureau of Navigation, a position recently created, is paid as though at sea. The two last named officers work hard for their pay, and to those familiar with the Navy Department it is clear that sea pay is fully earned by them.

COMMANDER AND MRS. W. H. WHITING, *dés Aboard*, arrived at San Francisco Dec. 16 from Honolulu, and were to proceed East. The wedding, which took place Dec. 5, in the Central Union Church, was one of the most brilliant that ever convulsed society at "the Islands." Annexationists and royalists suspended their differences for the time being, and joy was unconfined. A reception followed at the residence of the bride, which was largely attended and handsomely conducted. Officers from the *Philadelphia*, *Adams*, and *H. M. S. Champion*, were among the guests. Captain A. S. Barker, U. S. Navy, was best man, and 1st Lieut. T. P. Kane, U. S. M. C., of the *Adams*, was prominent among the ushers. The *San Francisco Chronicle*, referring to the recent arrival of Commander and Mrs. Whiting, says: "Curiosity to see Mrs. Whiting drew the majority of the crowd. They were disappointed, however, for as soon as the gang-plank was down Commander and Mrs. Whiting got into a hack and drove rapidly to the Occidental Hotel. Mrs. Whiting has the high cheek bones and the almond eyes of the Mongolian. In repose her face appears sad, but when she is talking that expression disappears and a bright, animated look takes its place. She is only 19. She is short of stature and dresses well. Her hands are beautiful and her feet very small and well shaped."

EMMANUEL P. E. CHURCH, Baltimore, was the scene of a pretty wedding Dec. 20, at noon, when Miss Roberta Morgan Wood, daughter of the late Surg. Gen. Wm. Maxwell Wood, U. S. Navy, was married to Ensign Henry A. Wiley, U. S. N. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Eccleston, rector of the parish. The ushers were Ensigns Logan, Reid, Hurlburt, and Key, Lieut. Garrett and Ensign Jones. They were in full dress uniform, as were also the groom and his best man, Lieut. Gibbons, U. S. N. The bridesmaids were Miss Emma James and Miss Lizzie Osborn. The bride entered the church with her eldest brother, Mr. James McIntosh Wood, of Portland, Oregon, who gave her away. After the marriage a breakfast was given at the residence of the bride's brother, Dr. P. Bryson Wood, to the bridal party and most immediate friends.

THE findings in the court which investigated the conduct of Lieut. Davenport during the Samoan hurricane have been concluded and are before the Secretary, who will act on them next week. The Judge Advocate General has made his recommendations in the matter and it is said that while there will be no further proceedings, that the court found that Lieut. Davenport had left the *Vandalia* to which he was attached at the time prematurely. The remarks credited to the Judge Advocate in our report of the case in the JOURNAL of Dec. 16, p. 280, were in fact those of Lieut. Davenport's council.

THE President this week approved the findings of Examining Boards for the promotions of the following naval officers of the Navy: Commo. J. S. Skeritt, to be Rear Admiral; Capt. Thos. O. Selfridge, to be Commodore; Lieut. Francis H. Delano, to be Lieut. Commander; Lieut. Junior Grade, James H. Glennon and Thos. S. Rodgers, to be Lieutenants; Ensigns John F. Luby and Theodore G. Dewey, to be Lieutenants, Junior Grade; P. A. Engr. Charles P. Howell and James H. Perry, to be Chief Engrs.; Asst. Engrs. W. W. White and Kenneth McAlpine, to be Passed Assistants. The President has also approved the following cases of officers for retirements: Lieut. C. A. Stone, Lieut. Samuel L. Graham, Surg. Wm. Martin, and 1st Lieut. James A. Turner, Marine Corps.

BEFORE leaving the city on his ducking trip this week the President disposed of the cases of Lieut. Samuel L. Graham and Lieut. Charles A. Stone of the Navy, recently examined for retirement. The Board in the case of Lieut. Graham found that he is incapacitated for further active service, and that his incapacity is incident to the Service. They recommended that he be retired at full retirement pay. In the case of Lieut. Stone the Board reported that he is disabled for further active service, but that his incapacity is not incident to the Service. They, therefore, recommended that he be retired on half furlough pay, amounting in his case to \$900 per annum. The President approved the report in each case. Lieut. Stone made a strong effort to show that his disability was the result of his services in the Navy, but failed to do so.

THE fifth annual meeting of the American Society of Naval Engineers was held in the office of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Navy, last week, Dec. 22, for the election of officers for the in-coming year, and for the transaction of such other business as might come before it. The report of the treasurer showed a highly gratifying condition of finances, the amount on hand for the calls of the new year aggregating something over \$1,500 with all bills paid to date. The membership of this society shows healthy growth. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, a re-election, Chief Engr. Harris Webster, U. S. N.; Secretary and Treasurer, P. A. Engr. Robert S. Griffin, U. S. N.; Members of the Council, P. A. Engrs. Frank H. Bailey, U. S. N., and Ben. C. Bryan, U. S. N. The third member will be elected by the council which is composed of the President and Secretary and Treasurer and three members. Interesting papers by F. H. Bailey and B. C. Bryan were read, which will be published in the Journal of the Society later.

LIEUTENANT L. H. STROTHER, 1st U. S. Infantry, lately in Chicago, will spend a few weeks in the East before rejoining his regiment on the Pacific Coast.

LIEUTENANT H. L. RIPLEY, 3d U. S. Cavalry, rejoined at San Antonio last week from a trip to Fort Leavenworth, to attend the Vroom-Wood wedding.

LIEUTENANT F. W. COE, 1st U. S. Artillery, a capable young officer, is doing adjutant's duty at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., during the absence on leave of Adj. Hunter.

CAPTAIN PAUL ROEMER, U. S. Army, is at present residing at Fabrik Str. 16, Darmstadt, Germany, and, judging from a recent letter to us, seems to be in good health and spirits.

GENERAL EDMUND SCHRIEVER, U. S. Army, who was graduated from the Military Academy over sixty years ago, is quartered for the winter, at Wormley's Hotel, Washington, D. C.

THE Chicago Evening Journal, referring to the recent mess discussions at Ft. Sheridan awards great praise to Lieut. Bionton C. Welsh, 11th U. S. Inf., the mess officer, for his efforts to make the general mess a success in every particular, and eradicate what defects may exist in the system.

W. S. HANCOCK Post G. A. R., of New York City, will on Dec. 30, present to the city the monument erected to the memory of the gallant General Hancock, in Hancock Square. General Horatio Porter will make the presentation address and Mayor Gilroy will receive the monument in behalf of the city.

At a recent meeting of the 16th U. S. Infantry Athletic Club at Fort Douglas, Utah, the following officers were elected for one year: Lieut. W. H. Johnston, president; Sergeant Major L. A. Bond, vice-president; 1st Sergeant J. F. Joyce, Co. D, secretary; Lieut. Isaac Erwin, treasurer; Corporal A. L. King, Co. H, historian, and J. H. Bradish, Co. C, quartermaster. Morrow and Bradish were elected Rugby captains and Casey and McBride association captains for the remainder of the foot-ball season.

COLONEL GUY V. HENRY, U. S. A., commandant of Fort Myer, Va., has reason to be proud in view of the encomiums upon the efficiency of his command passed by Colonel R. P. Hughes, Inspector General U. S. A., who recently inspected the post. Colonel Hughes says: "The command is the best instructed cavalry battalion I have yet seen in our Army. There is a promptness and alacrity, an exactness and simultaneousness of movement throughout the whole that I have never seen equalled in our service." * * * The cavalry arm at Fort Myer is represented by Troop A, 1st Cavalry; Troop F, 7th Cavalry; Troop H, 8th Cavalry, and Troop K, 9th Cavalry. That this praise is well deserved must be evident to all those who know Colonel Hughes, a most impartial and fair-minded officer, not afraid to criticize thoroughly when criticism is due.

LIEUTENANT GEO. S. STEVENS, 1st U. S. Artillery, of Fort Hamilton, visited relatives in Washington, D. C., this week.

CAPTAIN PHILIP READE, 3rd U. S. Infantry, and Mrs. Reade are spending the holidays with friends in St. Paul, Minn.

LIEUTENANT L. B. LAWTON, 9th U. S. Inf., of Madison Barracks, spent Christmas with relatives in Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT F. G. MAULDIN, 3rd U. S. Art., of Fort McPherson, Ga., is a recent guest at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT J. P. HAINS, 3rd U. S. Artillery, is enjoying a holiday leave in New York, with headquarters at the Plaza Hotel.

CAPTAIN WELLS WILLARD, U. S. J. A., returned to Old Point Comfort, Va., the latter part of this week from a short leave of absence.

LIEUTENANT H. C. DANES, 31 U. S. Art., has taken charge of the post schools at Fort McPherson, Ga., during the current school season.

LIEUTENANT G. LER. IRWIN, 3rd U. S. Artillery, on a short leave from Fort Monroe, is visiting at 128 East 34th street, New York City.

LIEUTENANT ROBERTSON HONEY, 3rd U. S. Artillery, a recent arrival at Fort McHenry, Md., left there Dec. 23, on a short leave of absence.

LIEUTENANT M. K. BARROLL, 4th U. S. Art., on a holiday leave from Fort Monroe, Va., is visiting relatives at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

LIEUTENANT J. G. WARREN, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., is a recent arrival in St. Louis, Mo., which will be his post of duty for some time to come.

CAPTAIN M. W. WOOD, U. S. A., attending surgeon at Boston, Mass., is spending Christmas week with friends and will return to Boston early next week.

MAJOR GENERAL NELSON A. MILES, U. S. A., was a guest at the celebration in Chicago Dec. 22, of Forefathers Day by the Massachusetts Society of that city.

THE marriage of Miss Helen Cauby Ward, daughter of Capt. F. K. Ward, 1st Cav., to Lieut. John D. L. Hartman, 1st Cav., is announced to take place at Fort Grant, Ariz., Jan. 24.

MAJOR GEORGE M. RANDALL, 4th U. S. Infantry, is closing up his official business at Chicago and will leave there next week and shortly join his regiment in the Department of the Columbia.

MISS ELEANOR HARRIS, daughter of Major Moses Harris, U. S. A., retired, a pupil at St. Agnes's Episcopal School, Albany, N. Y., is spending her three weeks' holiday vacation with old Army friends at West Point.

CAPTAIN CHARLES A. CURTIS, U. S. Army, retired, of Madison, Wisconsin, contributes to the Christmas number of *Harper's Young People*, a story complete, and full of exciting interest, entitled "Captured by Navajos."

CAPTAIN R. K. EVANS, U. S. Army, Military Attache at Berlin, and Mrs. Evans gave a dinner recently, to Freiherr Marshall von Bieberstein, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Theodore Runyon, U. S. Ambassador, and the attaches and Secretaries of all the embassies in Berlin.

MRS. CAPT. O'CONNELL entertained a number of ladies at luncheon at the Hotel Marlborough, N. Y. City, Dec. 23, the guest of honor being her mother, Madame Le Boutillier of Cincinnati, who fifty years ago was a noted beauty in New York society. The table was done up with lilies and holly and the menu bore vignettes of Hudson River scenery in the "Sleepy Hollow" region, very appropriate to the company, which was representative of the Knickerbocker settlers descendants.

THE Brooklyn *Eagle* says: "In Gleason's Hotel, an unpretentious little hostelry at 13th and E sts., Washington, a man who at one time played an important part in the public affairs of our country is passing a lonely and desolate Christmas. Forgotten alike by friends and enemies, his very existence questioned by many who once knew him, Gen. Alfred Pleasonton, one of the heroes of the war, once collector of internal revenue at New York and afterward Grant's commissioner of internal revenue, is slowly dying. He has not left his room for three years, and during most of that time has denied himself to all callers. For the past few months he has positively refused to see anyone except the old colored man who for years has been his constant personal attendant. He is but a shadow of his former self and has become morose and bitter."

REV. JOHN H. DENISON, in his paper on Samuel Chapman Armstrong, in the January *Atlantic*, writes thus of the general's work at Hampton: "In the midst of the hard work of the bureau, jolly times with his old comrades, and harmless flirtations with pretty teachers, he was revolving the question how the sacrifices that were being made for the negro might be made practical. The result, as every one knows, was the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. That belongs to history, but three things ought to be said about it here: (1.) It was like the colored regiment in the ravine, with the colonel's tent on the hill, under fire. Armstrong's own soul hovered over it, transfused it, and was given for it, life for life. Never in modern times did a heroic personality give a more wondrous perpendicular lift to other souls. Not for one instant would I minimize the skillful and self-denying work of that noble band who toiled by his side; nevertheless Armstrong himself was the institution and the education. It could not be otherwise. As he himself once said, the greatest institution is a man. (2.) Allowing a large percentage of dead materials, Hampton has sent out into the world hundreds of students, each one of whom, in whatever little dark community he may be, bears the stamp of Armstrong's character, and shares in the work of putting men thereabouts in rapport with what is best and most practical in human life. (3.) The institution has survived financially by the unparalleled struggles of Armstrong himself. The whole of that gigantic educational industry was created and sustained by a man who never had a penny beyond his salary."

CAPTAIN P. S. BOMUS, 1st U. S. Cavalry, will rejoin at Fort Myer, Virginia, Dec. 30, from a short leave.

MAJOR J. H. CALEY, U. S. A., commandant of Fort Trumbull, Conn., is spending Christmas week on leave.

GENERAL ABRAHAM BAIRD, U. S. Army, is quartered for the winter at 1021 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D. C.

CAPTAIN C. B. EWING, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., rejoined at Fort McHenry, Md., Dec. 26, from a short leave.

GENERAL ROBERT MURRAY, U. S. Army, is located for the winter at 1215 Mount Royal Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

LIEUTENANT E. ST. J. GREBLE, 2d U. S. Art., gave a dinner to a number of friends at Fort Adams on Dec. 21.

COLONEL JOHN C. BATES, 2d U. S. Infantry, on a fortnight's leave, will rejoin at Fort Omaha, Neb., about Jan. 6.

CAPTAIN C. M. ROCKEFELLER, 9th U. S. Infantry, of Madison Barracks, N. Y., is spending Christmas week on leave.

LIEUTENANT W. J. SNOW, 1st U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., Dec. 28, from a short holiday leave.

LIEUTENANT LOTUS NILES, 2d U. S. Artillery, was expected at Fort Adams, R. I., the latter part of this week from a short post leave.

GENERAL N. B. SWEITZER, U. S. Army, Mrs. Sweitzer and Miss Sweitzer, are at the Portland, Washington, D. C., for the winter.

MAJOR HENRY CARROLL, 1st U. S. Cavalry, has left Fort Apache, Ariz., on leave, and is expected to return about Jan. 20.

CAPTAIN J. H. KING, U. S. Army, retired, who has been on a visit to Marathon, Texas, was to leave there on Jan. 2, for his home, Geneva, O.

MAJOR E. K. RUSSELL and Lieut. Arthur Murray, 1st U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., this week from short holiday leave.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. V. SUMNER, 8th U. S. Cavalry, will rejoin at Fort Meade, South Dakota, next week from a short leave of absence for the holidays.

PARAGRAPHS in the daily papers indicate that Nathaniel P. Banks, late Major General, U. S. Vols., is in such a condition of mind that he is not permitted to go unattended.

CAPTAIN A. B. MACGOWAN, 12th U. S. Infantry, who, with Mrs. MacGowan is visiting friends at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., will settle permanently in that village on his retirement for age Dec. 16, 1894.

COLONEL C. BENTZONI, 1st U. S. Infantry, who has been spending a leave in Europe, is expected to arrive at New York on the *Elbe* about Jan. 19, and will make his headquarters at the Hotel Imperial.

GENERAL E. S. OTIS, U. S. Army, has selected Lieut. John L. Sehon, 20th U. S. Infantry, as his aide-de-camp, and he is expected to arrive at Vancouver Barracks from Fort Assiniboine early in January. Lieut. Sehon is an able young officer of over ten years' service.

LIEUTENANT W. L. SIMPSON, 9th U. S. Infantry, was expected at Fort Myer, Va., to observe the excellent general mess at the post and give his views to Colonel Chas. G. Bartlett prior to the establishment of a general mess at Madison Barracks. Lieut. Simpson has already visited David's Island and West Point on a similar errand.

A WASHINGTON gossip writes: "The Secretary of War and Mrs. Lamont spent Christmas at their residence in Lafayette Square. A fine Christmas tree was prepared for the especial benefit of Frances, who, born in Washington during the former residence of her parents in this city, is now five years old. Secretary Herbert had with him on Christmas day, as guests, his son-in-law and daughter, Chief Clerk of the Navy Department, and Mrs. Micou."

THE San Antonio *Express* says: "It has been decided that Capt. G. A. Goodale shall have charge of the mess at Fort Sam Houston, but it will probably be some time yet before he becomes mine host in reality. The cavalry officers' race, which is to be a feature of the matinee to be given by the Jockey Club Dec. 26, is creating considerable interest at the post. It is probable that a race will be arranged for enlisted men of the cavalry for the matinee on Dec. 27. The quiet which just now prevails about Department Headquarters is suggestive of the peaceful atmosphere of a minister's study."

In a recent letter to the New York *Sun*, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson, 14th U. S. Infantry, refers to a statement that Mrs. Valentine, of Brooklyn, is believed to be the youngest living child of a revolutionary officer and says: "Mrs. Sarah Anderson Kendrick, a sister of Gen. Robert Anderson, of Sumter fame, is yet living in Cincinnati, being 70 years of age. Her brother, Gov. Charles Anderson, is still living in Kuttawa, Ky. Their father was born in 1750, and their grandfather in 1712. It seems somewhat singular to find three generations taking us back to the days of Queen Anne and Louis XIV."

ADVICES from Youngstown, N. Y., Dec. 23, announce that 1st Lieut. F. L. Palmer, 21st U. S. Infantry, of Fort Porter, is detailed as counsel for Pvt. Thomas Flynn, 21st Inf., before the court-martial at Fort Niagara. While there he will be the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Williams. Capt. F. H. E. Eubank, Co. C, 21st Inf., of Fort Niagara, delivered an address to the members of the 30th Separate Co., of Elmira, on "Military Courtesy and Customs of the Service," at the armory on Dec. 19. It is deserving of notice that not a single member of Co. E, 11th Inf., commanded by Capt. A. I. Myer, was tried by a court-martial of any kind during the year. Col. Horace Jewett, 21st U. S. Inf., commander of Fort Niagara, and his wife, left this week on a four months' vacation. They intend spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Murray, at Fort Snelling, Minn., where Mrs. Jewett will remain. The Colonel, however, will spend the winter in the South, owing to ill health.

COLONEL P. D. VROOM, Insp. Gen., U. S. A., and bride are recent guests at the Paxton, Omaha.

LIEUTENANT T. C. DICKSON, 2d U. S. Art., left Ft. Snayler, Dec. 27, on a short leave of absence.

LIEUTENANT E. D. ANDERSON, 4th U. S. Cav., of Ft. Leavenworth, has gone to Walla Walla, Washington.

CAPTAIN B. H. GILMAN, 13th U. S. Inf., left Fort Leavenworth, Dec. 23, for Fort Supply to join his regiment.

LIEUTENANT P. C. MARCH, 3d U. S. Art., rejoined at Washington Bks., D. C., this week from a short leave of absence.

CAPTAIN J. M. CABELL, Asst. Surg., U. S. A., on duty at Washington Bks., D. C., returned there this week from a Christmas leave.

CAPTAIN GEO. H. PALMER and Lieut. John Newton, 16th U. S. Inf., of Ft. Douglas, were visitors to Ft. Du Chene, Utah, this week.

MR. PAUL COMPTON, son of Col. Compton, 4th U. S. Cav., and Capt. A. L. Smith, Sub. Dept., U. S. A., are recent visitors at Ft. Leavenworth.

LIEUTENANT A. W. DREW, 12th U. S. Inf., of Fort Leavenworth, is spending a portion of the holidays with relatives in his native State—Texas.

MRS. RODNEY SMITH, of Gouverneur, N. Y., celebrated her 100th birthday Dec. 22. She was born in Vermont, but lived at Gouverneur since 1836.

CAPTAIN E. L. RANDALL, 5th U. S. Inf., of Fort Leavenworth, has been elected lieutenant commander of the Loyal Legion, Commandery of Kansas.

MAJOR S. T. CUSHING, Subsistence Dept., U. S. A., and Mrs. Cushing have returned to Omaha from a pleasant visit to Ft. Leavenworth, where they have a host of friends.

COLONEL J. C. BATES, 21 U. S. Inf., commandant of Ft. Omaha, entertained, recently, in honor of Maj. T. Schwan, Asst. Adj. Gen., U. S. A., and Mrs. Schwan, recent arrivals in Omaha.

LIEUTENANT J. S. PARKE, 21st U. S. Inf., on leave for some time past at Portland, Ore., and expected to join at Ft. Niagara, N. Y., about New Year's, will not join until the end of January.

LIEUTENANT T. F. SCHLEY, 23d U. S. Inf., of Fort Sam Houston, Tex., is a recent visitor at Ft. Leavenworth, and from there went to Junction City to pay a short visit to relatives before returning to his station.

AMONG Army officers registering in New York City this week are Lieut. A. L. Dade, 10th U. S. Cav., and Mrs. Dade, Park Avenue Hotel; Lieut. P. P. Powell, 9th U. S. Cav., St. Denis Hotel; Capt. J. M. Cabell, Asst. Surg., The Marlborough.

LIEUTENANT D. E. MCCARTHY, the newly appointed regimental quartermaster of the 12th U. S. Inf., arrived at Ft. Leavenworth from Ft. Yates Dec. 22, and afterwards left for Evansville, Ind., to spend the holidays with Mrs. McCarthy and her parents of that city.

THE Chicago *InterOcean* gives an interesting account of Phil Sheridan Cadlin, "the smallest drummer alive," son of Drum Maj. John Cadlin, in the G. A. R. by special appointment. "Phil is 8 years old. He is the youngest drummer boy in existence. He is none of your toy drum drummer boys, but he can rattle the sheepskin on a real drum, and keep up with the band, for all the world like the most hardened and seasoned drummer of them all."

MRS. BUFFINGTON, wife of Lt. A. P. Buffington, 13th U. S. Inf., gave a most delightful eucbra party Dec. 11, says a Ft. Supply correspondent. Lt. Walker won the gentleman's first prize, and Mrs. H. T. Swift won the ladies' first prize. Mrs. Parker gave a delightful ladies' lunch Dec. 14. Mrs. Cecil gave a high five party Dec. 15. Mrs. Cavanaugh gave a dinner party Dec. 16. Mrs. Bishop gave a ladies' lunch Dec. 18. All these were given in honor of Mrs. Goe, who returned to Ft. Sill Dec. 20, after a delightful visit with Mrs. Buffington.

THE Bachelors of Ft. Omaha once more demonstrated their exceptional talent for entertaining, Thursday evening, at the fort club, says the Omaha *Excelsior*. Without aid from their feminine friends, they decked the hop room in gorgeous array, of red, white and blue, and prepared a delicious supper, also a "famous" punch at one side of the hall and lemonade at the other. The painstaking hosts were Lts. Hines, Bookmiller, Prince, Marquart and Powell. Their guests were received by Mrs. Abercrombie, Mrs. Waring and Mrs. Worth. Besides all the officers and families at the fort, a number of people from town attended and enjoyed the smooth floor and excellent music.

A PROMINENT and elegant event in society at Fort Leavenworth, says the Kansas City *Times*, was the marriage Dec. 19, of Miss Margaret Wood, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Palmer G. Wood, and Major Peter D. Vroom, Assistant Inspector General U. S. A., the ceremony taking place at 7:30 p. m. at the post chapel. The ceremony was according to the Episcopal ritual and was conducted by Rt. Rev. Bishop E. S. Thomas, assisted by Chaplain Pierce, U. S. A. The attendants were the Misses May and Genevieve Wood, sisters of the bride, as maids of honor, and Misses Minnie Townsend, Sadie Cushing, Rhoda MacFarlane, Mary Sanno, Zoe Randall and Beatie Randall the bridesmaids. The ushers were: Capt. M. P. Maus, 1st Inf.; Capt. Francis H. Hardie, 3rd Cav.; Capt. Enoch H. Crowder, 8th Cav.; Lieut. Henry L. Ripley, 3rd Cav.; Parker W. West, 3rd Cav.; Willis Uline, 12th Inf.; Wm. M. Wood, 12th Inf., brother of the bride, and Carter P. Johnson, 10th Cav. The wedding march was played by Miss Gressinger, accompanied on the violin by her father, Prof. Gressinger, leader 12th Infantry band. At the chancel they were met by the groom and best man, Major Samuel L. Woodward, 10th Cav. The ceremony was followed by a large reception and hop at the post hop room. Among the out of town guests were Major Cushing and daughter of Omaha and Capt. Michler, 5th Cav. The presents were numerous and elegant. At 10 o'clock Major Vroom and bride left for an eastern wedding journey, which will probably be of a month's duration. They will be at home on their return at San Antonio, Tex.

LIEUTENANT S. C. MILES, 12th U. S. Infantry, is spending the holidays in San Francisco, Cal.

LIEUTENANT F. W. FUGER, 13th U. S. Infantry, is spending the holidays with his parents at Washington Barracks, D. C.

CAPTAIN O. F. LONG, Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Army, expects to leave Washington, D. C., next week on a short trip to the South.

MAJOR C. E. KILBOURNE, who, since his appointment to the Pay Department of the Army, has remained in Washington, D. C., will establish his office in Chicago early in January.

LIEUTENANT M. B. SAFFOLD, 13th U. S. Infantry, who was born in Alabama, and was appointed from that State to the Army, is fortunate in a detail to the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL A. T. SMITH, 8th U. S. Infantry, who has been spending a leave in Chicago, with residence at 376 Warren Avenue, is expected to join his regiment in the Department of the Platte early in January.

The following Army officers were registered at the War Department this week: Major E. B. Williston, 3d Artillery; Lieut. Col. W. A. Mayne, Ordnance; 1st Lieutenant G. W. S. Stevens, First Artillery; Captain W. H. Bixby, Engineers; Second Lieutenant Spencer Cosby, Engineers; 2d Lieut. Charles P. Echols, Engineers; 2d Lieut. John P. Hains, 3d Artillery; 1st Lieut. John C. W. Brooks, 4th Artillery; 2d Lieut. John P. Ryan, 3d Cavalry.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WILLIAM MCADOO and his aide, Lieut. W. H. H. Southerland, U. S. N., spent Thursday, Dec. 28, at Norfolk, in company with Rear Admiral George Brown and Naval Constructor F. T. Bowles in inspecting the work now in progress at the Norfolk Navy-yard.

The following naval officers were registered at the Navy Department this week: Lieut. Comdr. G. A. Bicknell, Commander George W. Pigman, Lieut. W. C. Babcock, Lieut. Comdr. F. M. Wise, Lieut. D. H. Mahan, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher, commanding the *Cushing*; Ensign Edwin A. Anderson.

MRS. SMITH, wife of Chief Engineer David Smith, U. S. N., gave a tea Dec. 28, at Washington, D. C., to introduce her daughter, Miss Helen Maud Smith, Mrs. William Carlisle, daughter-in-law of the Secretary of the Treasury, poured tea at one end of the table, and Miss Scott, a niece of the Vice-President, looked after the *café frappé* at the other side of the board. Among the others who assisted in receiving were the Misses Howell, daughters of Capt. Howell, in command at the Washington Navy-yard, and Miss Mannix, daughter of Captain Mannix, of Marine Headquarters.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

The following further details regarding the terrible explosion at Rio Janeiro, whereby two British naval officers were killed, are contained in a letter from that place. A picnic party went to an island on which there were two of Admiral de Mello's magazines. The party comprised Comdr. Rolleston and Lieut. Tunner, of the *Racer*; Mr. Bowden Smith, of the *Beagle*, and Lieut. Mowbray, Staff Engr. Shapcote and Boatswain Harris, of the *Sirius*. When the party landed they found both of the magazines open, and men employed transporting powder and shell to a lighter alongside the pier. The Brazilian seamen were smoking cigarettes, and showed great carelessness considering they were near a magazine in which there were large quantities of powder and shell. Suddenly one magazine blew up with a tremendous explosion, and two minutes afterwards the other. The *Racer's* rig and the *Beagle's* cutter were completely shattered and rendered useless, and the men in them were more or less injured. A piece of shell fell on the head of a man in the cutter of the *Sirius*. Mr. Shapcote and two men were not hurt, and they cared for the wounded. Lieuts. Mowbray and Tunner and Mr. Harris were missing. Next day a search party succeeded in finding Mr. Harris's body, but a general impression prevails that, as not the slightest trace of Lieuts. Mowbray and Tunner or of Mr. Mowbray's two dogs has been discovered, they were inside the powder magazine at the time of the explosion. It is uncertain if the magazine blew up through carelessness or treachery, but there are suspicions of the latter.—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

MEDAL OF HONOR.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

THE recent article of Apache on the Medal of Honor is to the point. It is an honor which should not be abused, or disordered brought upon it by improper bestowal. To do one's duty alone does not entitle one to this distinction. It should be noteworthy and conspicuous as was done by Lieut. Guy H. Preston, 9th Cav., in carrying despatches from Wounded Knee fight to Pine Ridge through a country filled with hostile savages. He received no medal, it is understood, because no one was killed. If this ruling existed in 1865 very few staff officers would have been honored by a brevet. A personal deed of unselfish exposure to save another deserves reward, so does personal daring in leading assaults, inciting men to dash and daring deeds, seizing colors shot down, etc. Men who have fought know who have deserved and who have not deserved, the honor of a medal or brevet, and for others who have neither, the purity of the reward should not be questioned except when known as unworthy bestowed or received—then let officers of spirit send such to Coventry, where they properly belong, and when this is done officers will be careful in seeking or receiving undesired honors. We want less charity in the Army when in contact with officers who have more cheek than merit. When this is the rule we will find less pushing to the front by the unworthy. As to boards—we had them in 1865, and what was the result? brevets bestowed for sitting in an office chair. Now let Coventry be the watchword for the unworthy. Not only purity of the ballot, but in the bestowal of rewards, should be the Army motto. When this is done, rewards by brevet, or medal of honor, for Indian or other service, will carry their face value. GEORGE W. MOORE.

THE NAVY

HILARY A. HERBERT, Secretary of the Navy.
WILLIAM MCADOO, Assistant Secretary.

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atlantic Station.—A. R. Adm. O. F. Stanton ordered to command (temporarily) per steamer of Jan. 3.

MIANTONOMO, monitor, 2d rate, 4 guns, Captain R. R. Wallace, comdg. It is believed she will sail for Rio to join Admiral Benham's fleet. Sailed from New York Dec. 28, and will stop at Norfolk, Va.

VESEVIVUS, 4th rate, 8 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt.-Comdr. Frank Curtis comdg. At New York. Was placed on drydock Dec. 26, to have her bottom cleaned and painted. Will make a cruise along the coast to blow up wrecks.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. O. F. Heyerman. A revolution in San Domingo having been reported, the *Kearsarge* is now en route thither to look after American interests. Will become the flagship of Acting Rear Admiral Stanton.

MACHIAS, 8 guns. Commander Charles J. Train. At Navy-yard, New York, undergoing changes and repairs preparatory to a voyage to China.

European Station.—A. R. Adm. Henry Erben.

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CHICAGO, 2d rate, 14 guns, flagship, Capt. A. T. Mahan. At Nice Dec. 2.

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander C. M. Thomas. At Villefranche Dec. 21.

Atl. Station.—Captain H. F. Pickens in temporary command. A. R. Adm. A. E. K. Benham ordered and now en route.

Send mail "Care U. S. Consul, Montevideo, Uruguay, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London."

NEWARK, 3d rate, 13 guns, Captain S. W. Terry. At Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain Henry F. Pickens. At Rio de Janeiro. She will be detained on the Brazilian Coast until troubles are over and will then resume her voyage to Callao.

DETROIT, 10 guns. Comdr. W. H. Brownson. At Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

NEW YORK, 1st rate, 18 guns, Capt. J. W. Philip comdg. Sailed from New York, Dec. 26, for Rio, to join Admiral Benham. She will stop at St. Thomas for coal and will probably reach Rio by Jan. 10.

SAN FRANCISCO, flagship, 2d rate, 12 guns, Captain J. C. Watson. Sailed from Trinidad Dec. 23, and will probably arrive at Rio about Jan. 3.

YANTIC, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. Seth M. Akeley. At Montevideo Nov. 16.

The *San Francisco*, while cruising off the Coast of Florida, touched bottom twice, both times upon rocks, but in each instance sustained no damage. The Department has decided to investigate the circumstances, however, and has ordered a board of officers to this end. The board will meet at Rio upon the arrival of the *San Francisco* and *New York*, and will be composed of Capt. John W. Philip, Capt. H. F. Pickens and Comdr. W. H. Brownson.

Pacific Station.—Rear Admiral John Irwin

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PHILADELPHIA, flagship, 2d rate, 13 guns. Capt. A. S. Barker. At Honolulu Dec. 20, where it is thought she will remain for some time.

ADAMS, 3d rate. Comdr. Thomas Nelson. At Honolulu, H. I., Dec. 2. Will probably be relieved by the *Mohican*, when she will go to Mare Island for repairs.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. T. A. Lyons. Arrived at La Libertad Dec. 23, and sailed for Callao Dec. 27.

THETIS, 3d rate, 2 machine guns. Lieut. Comdr. C. T. Hutchins. Engaged in survey work on the coast of Lower California, but will return North and is now due. Some surprise has been aroused by the report that the *Thetis* is to return to Mare Island for repairs. More than half of her time is spent there.

MONTEREY.—Coast defence vessel, 4 guns, Capt. Louis Kempff, comdg. At Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander P. F. Harrington. At Callao, where she will remain until further orders.

Letters received at the Navy Department from Callao last week tell of some interesting target matches between the U. S. S. *Yorktown* and the British man-of-war *Hyacinth* with six-inch guns and between teams from these two vessels with small arms. In the rifle match the British team won by 24 points. The Englishmen used Martini-Henry rifles and the Americans used Springfield. The teams were composed principally of officers. The distances in the 6-inch gun matches were 1,100 and 1,200 yards, the target used being 20 feet in height, five feet submerged and 15 feet above water. Of 12 shots fired the *Yorktown* placed eight on the centre vertical line of the target, two directly at the juxtaposition of the vertical and horizontal diameters. The match was won by the *Yorktown* by 15 points.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Comdr. C. E. Clark. At Mare Island, Cal. Repairs completed. Will relieve the *Adams* at Honolulu, H. I., and is expected to sail by Jan. 8. The *Mohican* had coaled and was ready for sea Dec. 16. At Mare Island. Expected orders to Honolulu.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. W. T. Burwell. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts, in winter quarters.

RANGER, 3d rate, Commander E. Longnecker. To relieve the *Alliance*. Arrived at La Libertad, San Salvador Dec. 23.

Asiatic Station.—A. R. Admiral Jos. S. Skerrett.

Address all mail Yokohama, Japan.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. A. H. McCormick. Was at Yokohama, Japan, Dec. 2. Will be relieved by the *Baltimore* and will proceed via Cape Good Hope to New York, where she should arrive about March 1 next. Will later be assigned to the training service.

MONOCACY, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. R. E. Impey. At Shanghai Dec. 18.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns. Comdr. C. V. Gridley. At Yokohama. Will soon be ordered home, and will probably come to Mare Island, Cal.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dayton. At Yokohama, Japan.

BALTIMORE, flagship, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. W. R. Bridgman. Arrived at Hong Kong Dec. 23, and has sailed for Yokohama, where Admiral Skerrett will transfer his flag to her from the *Lancaster*.

CONCORD, 3d rate, 6 guns. Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. At Shanghai, China, Dec. 18.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

PORTSMOUTH, 13 guns, Comdr. C. J. Barclay. Sailed Dec. 12 from Newport on her annual cruise among the West India Islands. Her itinerary embraces every port of importance. She is due at Barbadoes Jan. 6; Martinique Jan. 18; Gulf of Paria Jan. 31 (where she will have target practice); St. Kitts, Feb. 28; Santa Cruz March 11; St. Thomas March 22, and Hampton Roads April 12. Her address up to Jan. 6 is care of U. S. Consul at Barbadoes.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. F. W. Dickins. At Norfolk, Va. Will leave for Newport to take on the apprentice boys for a trip in the West Indies.

RICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns. Capt. F. M. Bunce. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys). Will be relieved by the *Constellation*, and in turn will relieve the *St. Louis* at Philadelphia.

MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. Comdr. E. M. Shepard. At dock foot of West 50th street, N. Y. City. P. O. Station G. New York.

Special Service or Awaiting Assignment.

BANCROFT, practice cruiser, Commander C. M. Chester. At Annapolis, Md.

CUSHING, torpedo boat, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher commanding. At Washington for the winter.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, despatch boat, 2 guns. Lieut. B. H. Buckingham. At New York.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns. Comdr. J. F. Merry. At Boston, Mass. The address of the ship is P. O. Box 2284, Boston.

FERN, fourth rate, despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. J. N. Hemphill. At Washington.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 Gatlings). Lt. Comdr. R. M. Berry. At Erie, Pa., in winter quarters.

STILETTO.—Torpedo Boat. Assigned to duty at Newport, R. I.

SARATOGA, Comdr. E. T. Strong. Nautical schoolship of Pennsylvania. At Philadelphia.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Comdr. E. S. Houston. Receiving-ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 80 guns, Capt. Merrill Miller. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Capt. O. S. Cotton. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

ST. LOUIS, sails, Comdr. O. H. Rockwell. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa. Will be relieved by the *Essex*, and her name will be stricken from the Navy List.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. J. N. Miller. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WABASH, 30 guns, Capt. Jas. O'Kane. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clad *Ajaz*, *Catkill*, *Canonius*, *Lehigh*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr. G. W. Pigman, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

A BOARD of marine officers met at the Washington Barracks this week to examine several officers for promotion, for whom there will be vacancies shortly.

NO ORDERS have yet been sent to the *Marion* looking to her return to the United States, but it is expected that her departure from the China Station will not be long delayed after the incoming of the new year.

A BOARD of naval officers has been appointed to investigate the advisability of combining the electric light plant at Navy-yards with that used for running engines and machinery. At present the plants are entirely distinct.

ENSIGN J. L. JAYNE, U. S. N., will soon inspect the electric light plant on the *Montgomery*, and it is believed the result will be unusually favorable to the ship. Great pains have been taken to render this craft in all respects a first class man-of-war, ready for service in any part of the world, and prepared for all contingencies.

PART of the repairs necessary to the U. S. S. *Boston* before she will go into commission again will be the overhauling of more than 8,000 condenser tubes. The repairs in the boiler shop will be very extensive, involving the expenditure of a large amount of money. She is now alongside of the quay wall at Mare Island, as are also the *Hartford* and *Albatross*.

LATE reports from the *Dolphin* are to the effect that the boilers of the ship are showing the results of long service and will require thorough overhauling in the near future. The *Dolphin* has been in steady commission, with the exception of a few months, for the last ten years, and has been once around the globe.

It is reported that the U. S. battleship *Texas* will be ready for her dock trial early in January.

A BOARD composed of Comdr. T. F. Jewell, Lieut.-Comdr. A. Dunlap, and Lieut. Stokely Morgan, has been appointed to examine candidates at Washington Navy yard for appointment as electrician.

THE following Board has been ordered to meet at Mare Island for the re-examination of Ensign Lewis J. Clark for promotion: Capt. Kempp, Lieut.-Comdr. Gilmore, Lieut. Thomas S. Phelps, and Ensign W. R. Shoemaker.

THE new cruiser *Olympia*, with flags flying, brooms tied to the smokestacks and shovels in the rigging left her moorings in Mission Bay Dec. 18, and was towed to the Union Iron Works' dock, where additional armor plate will be put in place and the finishing touches to the furnishings and woodwork completed.

THE 50th annual meeting of the Navy Mutual Aid Association will be held in room 89, Navy Department, on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 7.30 p. m., for the purpose of receiving annual reports and for the election of officers and Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The affairs of the association are in a healthy state, and the membership is steadily on the increase.

RECENT reports from the Pacific Coast are to the effect that in the *Olympia* the United States possesses the most efficient as well as the fastest craft of her type in the world. The late speed trials of this ship were satisfactory in all respects, and she will soon be taken to the Mare Island Navy-yard for the final fittings for being commissioned for sea service.

ADMIRAL CERVERA, Spanish Minister of Marine, has submitted to the Cabinet a scheme prepared by a technical committee to build a squadron of twelve first-class gunboats, each of 300 tons burden, and eight second class gunboats of 100 tons, for service in Cuban waters. The cost of the squadron is placed at \$2,000,000.

THE battleship *Texas* had a most successful preliminary dock trial of her engines this week while tied to the dock at the Norfolk Navy-yard, a speed of 72 revolutions a minute having been obtained. The Engineer-in-Chief attached to the ship reports a statement that she will be ready for her official dock trial, similar to that given the armored cruiser *Maine* at New York, early in January.

A MEDICAL Board, consisting of Medical Director A. C. Gorgas, Civil Engr. M. T. Endicott and P. A. Surg. S. H. Griffith, has been appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to examine into the sanitary condition of the Navy Department. There have been complaints recently that several of the rooms are overcrowded and that the air is unhealthy by the presence of too many persons. This is said to be particularly true of the Bureau of Accounts and Supplies.

THE *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "The circumstances in which the *Rodney*, second-class torpedo boat, capsized at Gibraltar, leave it pretty nearly certain that boats of this class are too crank to be handled without precautions, which must somewhat lessen their efficiency. In a dead calm, with the water like glass, the boat was steaming at a fairish speed, when a torpedo having been fired and an attack assumed to have been made on an enemy, the helm was put hard over on purpose to swerve away from the imaginary foe. The result is a capsize and one man drowned. It is explained that the mishap was due to the action of the water on the wide area of the rudder, and to the large number of passengers, some twenty-two all told, who were on the upper deck of the boat. But surely half-a-dozen passengers, more or less, ought not to mean turning turtle, and as to putting the helm hard over in perfectly smooth water, if this is not a permissible act, the sooner instructions are issued on the subject the better."

THE following is a list of the officers of the four vessels which have been selected to join the present fleet in unbolting the principles of the Monroe Doctrine in Brazilian waters: *San Francisco*—Rear Admiral A. E. K. Benham, commanding fleet; Flag Lieut. Wm. Kilburn; Lieut. Wm. H. Faust, admiral's secretary; Capt. J. C. Watson, commanding vessel; Lieut.-Comdr. E. D. Heald, executive officer; Lieut. W. W. Kimball, navigator; Lieuts. B. A. Fiske, Ridgely Hunt, A. W. Grant and F. W. Kellogg; Ensigns E. H. Durell and J. L. Latimer; Naval Cadets Campbell, Jewell, Davidson, Low, Blakely, Mather, Kellogg and Porter; Medical Inspector W. K. Van Reypen; P. A. Surg. H. N. T. Harris; Asst. Surg. James Stoughton; Paymr. Jos. Foster; Chief Engr. H. W. Fitch; P. A. Engrs. L. D. Miner and C. B. Price, and Asst. Engr. M. E. Reed; Chaplain S. D. Boorum; Capt. of Marines A. C. Kelton. *New York*—Capt. J. W. Philip, commanding; Lieut.-Comdr. T. B. M. Mason, executive; Lieut.-Comdr. Wainwright Kellogg, navigator; Lieuts. Aaron Ward, J. F. Parker and H. C. Poundstone; Ensigns R. B. Dashiell, G. W. Williams, W. A. Snow, E. T. Poilcock and H. C. Kuenzli; Naval Cadets Evans, Leigh, Brotherton, Carter, Gamble, McNamee, Russell, Davis, Traut, Hines, Mallison, Crank and Moses; Medical Inspector E. Kershner; P. A. Surg. J. F. Urie; Asst. Surg. H. D. Wilson; Pay Insp. George W. Beaman; Chief Engr. John Lowe; P. A. Engr. E. R. Freeman; Asst. Engrs. M. A. Anderson, G. W. Danforth and C. H. Matthews; Chaplain D. H. Tribou; Capt. of Marines B. R. Russell; Lieut. of Marines L. H. Moses. *Bennington*—Comdr. C. M. Thomas, commanding; Lieut. R. T. Jasper, executive; Lieut. Chasncy Thomas, navigator; Lieuts. F. W. Coffin, Harry Phelps and J. B. Bernadou; Ensigns J. M. Elliott, S. E. Kittelle and R. J. Hartung; Naval Cadets Elder, Pearson, Chadwick and Sticht; Surg. T. H. Streets; Paymr. L. G. Boggs; Chief Engr. Ralph Astor; P. A. Engr. W. H. Allderice; Asst. Engr. A. S. Halstead. *Montomery*—Capt. R. R. Wallace, commanding; Lt.-Comdr. R. E. Carmody, executive; Lieut. J. A. Rogers, navigator; Lieuts. T. B. Howard, F. E. Beatty and Benjamin Tappen; Ensigns V. O. Chase and B. C. Decker; Surg. D. Dickinson; Paymr. H. T. B. Harris; Chief Engr. A. Adamson; P. A. Engr. R. I. Reid, and Asst. Engr. H. O. Stuckney.

A BOARD composed of Comdr. P. H. Cooper, Chief Engr. Webster and Asst. Naval Constr. George H. Rook, U. S. N., were in Baltimore last week inspecting the repairs to the *Montgomery*, now about

completed, and found the vessel practically completed and nearly ready for a second attempt at breaking the record for speed and efficiency now held by the *Detroit*. The Board found that the work of repair has been done in strict accordance with the specifications, and that the ship is now as strong and well built as before the unfortunate grounding at New London last October. It is likely that the trial will come off about Jan. 20.

THE U. S. S. *Ranger* has arrived at Corinto.

THE twin screw first class battleship *Resolution*, which left Plymouth on Monday, Dec. 18, for Gibraltar, to join the British Mediterranean squadron, put into Queenstown Dec. 23, having encountered a severe storm in the Bay of Biscay, and made very heavy weather of it. Huge seas boarded her and swept the decks. Life lines were rigged, but despite this precaution, one of her crew was washed overboard by a sea that came over the bow, and was drowned. Several other members of the crew were injured, and the ship was considerably damaged. In view of the condition of the ship it was decided to run for Queenstown, where repairs could be effected. One of her life boats was washed out of the davits.

NAVY GAZETTE.

Ordered.

DEC. 23.—Commodore O. F. Stanton to command the North Atlantic Station per steamer of Jan. 3 from New York.

DEC. 28.—Ensign E. E. Capehart to examination for promotion.

Ensign W. W. Gilmer to temporary duty in connection with steel inspection at Pittsburgh and then to take charge of steel inspection at Harrisburg.

Ensign Casey B. Morgan to duty in the Hydrographic Office, Washington.

Detached.

DEC. 23.—Lieutenant J. R. Selfridge from duty at the Washington Navy-yard and ordered to the nautical schoolship *St. Mary's*.

Lieutenant J. B. Milton from the *Wabash* and ordered to the *Essex*.

Paymaster George H. Griffing from the *Monongahela* and ordered to settle accounts and wait orders.

Ensign M. M. Taylor from the *Monongahela* and ordered to the *Essex*.

Naval Cadet Marvin Carver from the New York and ordered to medical treatment at the New York Navy-yard.

Boatswain H. Hudson, Gunner A. Harman, Carpenter S. C. Bradley and Salmaker J. T. Bailey from the *Monongahela* and placed on waiting orders.

Lieutenant J. C. Wilson from the *Monongahela* and placed on waiting orders.

DEC. 26.—Civil Engineer F. C. Prindle from the Navy yard, Portsmouth, N. H., and granted six months sick leave.

Ensign M. H. Signor from the *Monongahela* and ordered to the receiving ship *Franklin*.

Surgeon A. F. Price from the *Monongahela* and ordered to the *Essex*, and on the reporting of P. A. Surg. H. B. Fitts, is placed on waiting orders.

Promotions and Retirements.

The following Examining Board cases have been approved by the President:

Commodore Joseph S. Skerrett for promotion to rear admiral.

Captain Thomas O. Selfridge for promotion to commodore.

Lieutenant Francis H. Delano for promotion to lieutenant commander.

Lieutenant (junior grade) James H. Glennon for promotion to lieutenant.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Thomas S. Rodgers for promotion to lieutenant.

Ensign John F. Luby for promotion to lieutenant (junior grade).

Ensign Theodore G. Dewey for promotion to lieutenant (junior grade).

P. A. Engineer Charles P. Howell for promotion to chief engineer.

P. A. Engineer James H. Perry for promotion to chief engineer.

Assistant Engineer William W. White for promotion to passed assistant engineer.

Assistant Engineer Kenneth McAlpine for promotion to passed assistant engineer.

The proceedings, etc., in the following Navy retirement cases have been approved by the President, and the retirements authorized to take effect Dec. 23. Lieut. Stone retires on half pay; the others on three quarters pay. Lieut. Charles A. Stone, Lieut. Samuel L. Graham, Surg. Wm. Martin and 1st Lieut. James A. Turner, U. S. M. C.

Leave.

Surgeon M. H. Simons has been granted 30 days leave from Dec. 25.

Lieutenant John T. Newton is granted 15 days leave.

MARINE CORPS.

DEC. 26.—Captain Paul St. Clair Murphy is granted additional leave of absence for two weeks from Jan. 5.

TRIAL OF THE OLYMPIA.

ADVICES from Santa Barbara, under date of Dec. 15, in reference to the trial of the *Olympia*, state that 21.67 was the average speed made to-day for the 86 knots. The ocean was like a big mill pond, and was only ruffled by the big cruiser herself as she sped through the water, sending spray over her bow until the decks were dripping. From Goleta Point to Point Concepcion quite a swell was running, but not enough to retard her headway to any extent. The reason why the cruiser did not equal the previous record seems to be an unexplained mystery. The machinery worked perfectly, and there was not the slightest break. The time of 21.67 is liable to correction on account of currents. The draught was 4 in. greater than the requirements. The *Olympia* left her anchorage at 6.30 this morning and took a run of about two hours before starting on the test. It was at 8.51 o'clock that she crossed the line of the Summerland beacon and the great

trial began. The first range from one to two, a distance of 2.9 knots, was made at the rate of 21.6 knots; from two to the lighthouse, a distance of 6.9 knots, at the rate of 21.8; from the lighthouse to Moore's wharf, a distance of 11.6 knots, at the rate of 22.2; to the Patterson, a distance of 13.3 knots, at the rate of 21.09; to Gaviota, a distance of 38.1 knots, at a rate of 21.84, and to the West range, a distance of 42.9, at a rate of 21.9. She maintained nearly the same speed from one end of the course to the other, the cruiser making no notable spurts. Being pressed over the whole course, the highest which she reached was 22.2. An average of 140 revolutions was made—the highest was 142 and the lowest 137—under steam pressure of 165 to 168 pounds. The machinery worked without a jar or an accident of the slightest kind.

In one minute less than two hours the *Olympia* passed the stakeboat *McArthur*, marking forty-three knots and the end of the first half, and running some two miles above, made the turn in exactly twenty minutes while under full speed and came back on the course at 11:10. On her return what little wind there was favored the cruiser, but the same time was consumed as on the run to Point Concepcion. At 1:09:30 the *Olympia* finished her trip. Before returning to the harbor the cruiser put out to sea for the execution of manœuvres to test her steering gear. With the rudder put hard about the engineer reversed one screw, and with the other going ahead at full speed the big boat was thrown about in wonderfully quick time, the engines and machinery standing the strain well.

Of the working of the machinery no fault can be found. Engineer Morris says "it worked like a charm," which expresses his entire approval of the working of the cruiser under decks.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 29, 1893.

MOST of the cadets went on Christmas leave this year. Three hops, given on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights, have enlivened the Christmas holidays.

There will be no drills this week. Cadets Bagley, England and Kavanagh played in the foot ball game Christmas day between All Washingtons and the Columbia Athletic Club team. As usual, the cadets played on the winning side, the score being 6; zero in favor of the All Washingtons.

U. S. REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

OFFICERS of the Service are much interested in the recommendations made by Secretary Carlisle for more new vessels. During the extra session two vessels were authorized—one to replace the wrecked *Galatin*, on the New England station, and one to replace the *Johnson*, on the Great Lakes. Appropriations for both these vessels are to be made in the Sundry Civil appropriation bill, and the Secretary recommends the construction of four more vessels—one cutter for the Great Lakes to replace the *Perry*, ordered to the Pacific, two for the Pacific station, and a small boarding vessel for San Francisco. It is hardly probable that all these vessels will be authorized at the present session of Congress on account of the low condition of the Treasury.

The U. S. cutter *Corwin* arrived at Honolulu Dec. 14, bringing despatches to Minister Willis.

The following Revenue Marine orders were issued during the week:

2d Lieut. H. M. Broadbent on waiting orders.

3d Lieut. S. B. Winram is detached from the *Fessenden* and placed on waiting orders.

1st Lieut. J. W. H. Wilson is detached from the *Fessenden* and ordered to the *Dexter*.

Carl M. Green has been commissioned a 2d assistant engineer in the Service.

WM. CLARK YOUNG, who died Dec. 22 at his residence, 465 West 23d street, New York City, was, at the time of his death, the oldest living graduate of the U. S. Military Academy. He entered there in 1818, was graduated in 1822, promoted brevet 2d lieutenant, 2d Artillery, and 2d lieutenant, 5th Artillery, the same day, July 1, 1822, and resigned May 31, 1826. He then adopted civil engineering as a profession, and had to do with the construction of almost all of the great railroads and of the Erie Canal. He was born in 1799, and his graduate's certificate bears the autograph of President James Monroe and Secretary of War John C. Calhoun. In 1831 he built the railroad between Saratoga and Schenectady, and from 1832 until 1849 he was engaged in the construction of the Utica and Schenectady Railroad. When the era of consolidation set in he was the first president of the New York Central. A year or so later he resigned the presidency and took charge of the construction of the Panama Railroad. When this road was completed Mr. Young assumed the presidency and kept it for a number of years. He finally came back to America and was appointed general superintendent of the Western division of the New York Central Railroad. After a number of years' service he retired from active life and lived at his ease in New York. At the funeral many relatives and friends were present, including Gen. Geo. S. Greene, who is now the oldest living graduate of the Military Academy. He deceased was of the Class of 1822, Gen. Greene of the Class of 1823.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

The following assignments to regiments of officers recently promoted are ordered: Captain Eben Swift to the 5th Cavalry, Troop C, vice Hall appointed Assistant Adjutant General; 1st Lieut. J. Y. Mason Blunt to the 5th Cavalry, Troop C, vice Swift promoted; 1st Lieut. George W. Gatchell, to the 5th Artillery, Light Battery D, vice Sawyer, appointed Assistant Quartermaster; Captain Palmer G. Wood to the 12th Infantry, Co. K, vice Wilson, appointed Assistant Adjutant General.

1st Lieut. Odon Gurovits, to the 12th Inf., Co. A, vice McCarthy, appointed Regimental Quartermaster. Lieut. Gurovits will remain on duty with the 11th Infantry until further orders. Additional 2d Lieut. Robertson Honey, 3d Art., is assigned to a vacancy of 2d lieutenant in the 4th Art., Battery D, vice Gatchell, promoted.

The following transfers in the 12th Inf. are ordered: Capt. Robt. K. Evans, from Co. A to K; Capt. Palmer G. Wood, from Co. K to A. Capt. Wood will join the company to which he is transferred.

Capt. Wm. B. Gordon, Ord. Dept., will proceed from Cold Springs, N. Y., to Wilmington, Del., and Birdsboro, Pa., on public business pertaining to the Ordnance Department.

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In his report for the past year, the post surgeon at the Military Academy, Major Philip F. Harvey, says: "It is gratifying to be able to report that not a single case of typhoid fever, scarletina, diphtheria, or other disease due to a lack of sanitary precautions, has occurred in the Corps of Cadets during the year. As a very general rule, ailments among the cadets have been of minor character and of short duration. The cadet hospital is in excellent condition for the reception and treatment of the sick, having a liberal equipment of modern medical and surgical material and appliances, and being provided with ample means of drainage and ventilation."

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ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY.

WE are glad to be able to report that Secretary Lamont's recommendation for the reorganization of the artillery arm of the Army is receiving much consideration at the hands of members of the Military Committees of the two Houses. Though no steps have as yet been taken to devise any detailed plan of reorganization it is understood a bill will be prepared during the present session designed to put the artillery on a more modern basis. It is not probable, however, that the reorganization will be along the lines suggested by the Secretary of War—by the transference of some of the infantry regiments to the artillery. Members of the Committee seem to prefer some plan that can be carried out by building up the artillery without doing it at the expense of the infantry. One suggestion that has been made is that the regimental organization for artillery be abandoned to a large extent—being retained for field artillery alone—and that an artillery corps be organized to include the remainder of the arm. The matter of securing enlisted men of a higher average grade to handle and care for the expensive and complicated mechanism of modern gun mounts will receive serious consideration at this session. It is realized that action in this direction is becoming more necessary every year, as the number of modern guns and mortars put in service is increased. Mr. Outhwaite, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, is of the opinion that it is the duty of Congress to take up the subject of the reorganization of the artillery at as early a day as possible, and put that arm on a thoroughly modern basis. He sees that the organization suitable for the artillery of a hundred years ago is not at all suited to the conditions of modern warfare. He believes that a highly efficient artillery organization for the United States is of the utmost importance, for the reason that any war in which this country is likely to be engaged will be almost entirely a defensive war, in which artillery will play a most important part. He is not yet prepared to say what the details of this reorganization should be.

In his annual report the Secretary of War said:

"The present organization of twenty-five regiments of infantry, ten of cavalry, and five of artillery, was established to meet conditions which have almost ceased to exist. At thirteen of our large seaports work has already begun, or is projected for the near future, which in extent and nature within a few years will call for the establishment of organized posts of artillery. The conversion of a number of organizations of infantry to the artillery arm is a manifest necessity of the period directly ahead of us, and while present needs do not call for specific recommendations on this point, the certain needs of the future should not be ignored in current legislation and policy."

While this does not recommend an immediate change in the infantry arm, it will be observed that it does indicate a line of policy for the near future which we believe to be a mistaken one, and against which we have felt called upon to earnestly protest.

It is not to be assumed that this indicates any hostility toward the infantry or any other arm of the service on the part of the Secretary, but, as everyone is aware who has any knowledge of the subject whatever, the Secretary is influenced in such matters—as it is right and proper that he should be influenced—by the recommendations of those who have authority to speak by virtue of professional knowledge and experience. With so clear a declaration of purpose before us, it was an obvious duty to call attention to what we regard as the dangerous tendency of such a recommendation, however well meant it might be.

With the suggested reduction in the infantry out of the way, all who are interested in the Service should lend their aid to secure the needed reorganization for the artillery. Let staff and line, cavalry and infantry, join the artillery in securing what the Secretary of War and the Major General of the Army ask for them. This will benefit the entire Service, and will open the way for other improvements. But there is obvious danger in any suggestion, coming from a military source, in favor of reduction in any branch of our military organization. It is unquestionably difficult to shape our military administration in accord with the requirements of Congress and the prejudices of constituents, but to argue from a military point of view against the further continuance of any portion of the Army is to concede the truth of assertions which are fatal to the continuance of our Regular establishment. We cannot well have any less infantry, if we are to have any at all, and we can see no argument that can be directed against the infantry which may not be turned with equally telling effect against the cavalry and artillery. The ignorant prejudice which makes it so difficult to maintain a Regular establishment in this country is directed against the trained soldier as a soldier, and is prompted by a distrust of methods which are regarded as arbitrary and despotic.

It is for this reason that we have protested so emphatically, as we must continue to protest, against any compromise with the principle upon which our best informed students of military affairs, in and out of Congress, have been agreed ever since the civil war, viz., that our minimum strength in every arm should be in excess of what it is. If the argument to the contrary is admitted against the infantry to-day, it may logically be urged against the cavalry and artillery to-morrow.

We cannot maintain the military establishment as fixed by Congress with less than thirty thousand men, viz.:

Engineers, Ordnance and Signal Corps.....	1,020
Army service men, Q. M. Department.....	117
Ordnance, Post Q. M. and Commissary Sergeants.....	290
Indian Scouts.....	150
8 Regts. of Cav., 12 troops each, 5 regl. n. c. o., each troop 10 n. c. o., 2 trumpeters, 2 farriers, 1 saddler, 1 wagoner, (and say 50 privates).....	7,970
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As Congress has fixed the minimum number of men for an infantry company at fifty we assume this number for each troop of cavalry and each battery of artillery. We do not include the enlisted men unattached to regiments, who numbered, at the date of the last annual report, sixteen hundred and twenty-three. But by the act of June 23, 1879, Congress declared that no more than twenty-five thousand men should be enlisted at one time. If the disposition of the present Congress toward the Army is so favorable as we are assured that it is, it should repeal this restriction upon enlistments and permit the military establishment to be what the law for its organization declares it to be. At all events this is what our military authorities should insist upon.

The times are ripe for such an enactment. The country is full of discontent because of the scarcity of employment, and the change would be a popular one, and in the direction of security. We do not believe that there is any general hostility to the Army, either in the country or in the halls of Congress, but those who oppose it have shown a determination and persistence which should be met by an equally determined and united spirit on the part of those

representing our military establishment. It is because we realize the danger and weakness of division that we have appealed so earnestly for the maintenance of a united front. Those who cater to supposed Army prejudices may deny it, but it is nevertheless true that the status of the Army with Congress is not what it should be; not what it might be if the spirit of unity prevailed. Members of Congress will bear testimony to the fact that any action projected in either House is almost sure to meet with violent objection on the part of those who are not directly benefited by it. There is every reason for an increase of artillery, but there is grave objection to the reduction of any arm under any circumstances and under any pretence. The plea made that our National Guard will take the place of our Regular troops applies only to the maintenance of order in various States. For the proper maintenance of the military spirit and for the instruction of all arms of the Service to the end that the nucleus idea may bear fruit, our Army is unquestionably too small. It will not be thought by any military man that knowledge of war, and by this we mean the assembling, instructing and fitting for the conditions of war of our people, can possibly be furthered by our National Guard no matter how well they may be instructed as such.

We do not concern ourselves with the attempts that have been made to turn the force of our recent article on this subject, for they will recoil upon their authors. We are writing for men who understand this subject as thoroughly as we do, and they know that what we say is true.

PERSONNEL OF THE NAVY.

THE difficulty of dealing with the question of the personnel of the Navy is shown by the gingerly way in which this subject is handled in the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs, presented by Mr. Meyer in October last. We have a statement of the conflicting views as to the employment of machinists or commissioned officers for the care of the complex machinery on the modern war vessel, but no solution of the question. The opinion of the committee on this vexed question appears to be in the line of that expressed by that sagacious sea-dog, Captain Jack Bunsby: "Why not? If so, what odds? Can any man say otherwise? No! Avast then!" When it comes to the question of the Line the committee assume a more positive tone, and there can be no doubt as to the truth of their assertion that the argument in favor of measures for a change is strong and must convince any impartial body of the soundness of their conclusion that "a radical modification of existing laws must be made to prevent the personnel of the Navy from becoming totally inefficient from congestion and paralysis." They present with clearness and force the well-known facts which support this statement, but again they avoid the essential question which is as to the remedy, contenting themselves with the assertion that "if a remedy is much longer delayed the efficiency of the Navy will assuredly be jeopardized." As to this there can be no dispute. No naval service in the world has a better class of officers than ours, but in the order of nature they grow old, and unless means are found to give proper exercise to their faculties they will grow rusty as well. As Mr. Meyer's report shows, we are training our officers to exercise the important function of command, much as we might train them to swim by never permitting them to go beyond the protection of a life preserver. The committee quote with effect from Admiral Farragut, who had an independent command before he was old enough to enter the present Academy, the statement of his opinion as to the great advantage of obtaining command young. It only remains for Congress to accept the lead of Admiral Farragut in this matter to infuse new life and energy into our naval service. There is but one clear and positive recommendation in the Meyer report, and that is in favor of opening promotion from the ranks to the enlisted men of the Navy and the extension to them of the privileges of retirement. Perhaps the commission provided for in the concurrent resolution accompanying the report may be able to translate the committee's hints into positive legislation.

POST MESSSES.

THE Quartermaster's Department of the Army is spending a very considerable sum in establishing the system of post messes, erecting expensive buildings and plants for steam cooking. It becomes important, therefore, to ascertain what will be the practical working of a system of post messes for the Army, and it is for this reason we have asked information. The men to decide such a question as this are those in actual contact with troops, and upon whom falls the ultimate responsibility for their comfort and efficiency. Writing to us on the subject a company commander says: "I have heard the subject discussed a great deal for the past three years, and have not as yet found a single advocate of the post mess for Army posts. They are all right for West Point and recruiting depots, but for troops who are liable to be called into active service they are all wrong. When troops take the field it is absolutely necessary that some of the men know how to cook well; otherwise not only will sickness result from bad cooking, but also the rations will be insufficient, as it requires great skill to make the rations hold out, and with bad cooking they will not go as far as when well cooked, for the men will waste so much."

"When post messes are introduced at all Army posts, as they are sure to be, the Regular Army will be on a par with the National Guard, utterly helpless, as far as taking care of themselves is concerned, when they take the field, and the result will be lots of sickness and dissatisfaction. Soldiers must be taught to take good care of themselves during their stay in garrison. Then when they take the field they can not only keep themselves in good order, but also be cheerful through good company messes. But the post mess is the destruction of all comfort and health as far as field service is concerned. The company mess is a great care and trouble to the company commanders, but they realize its importance and therefore prefer the hard work it entails in order that their men may be well taken care of upon active service. There is nothing that can add more to a soldier's health and comfort upon a campaign than good, plain food, well cooked. The post mess is the end of all learning to cook in a company and will be the destruction of the efficiency of the United States Regular Army for field service in the future."

We give this statement of opinion as we receive it, and shall be glad to hear what others have to say on the subject.

THE idea of bringing the militia into closer touch with the Regular Army and developing the State forces into more efficient organizations has strong support in the Military Committees of Congress, and the present session will probably witness more or less legislation of interest to the militia. Mr. Outhwaite, chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, is a believer in developing the militia in every way possible so as to make it an efficient reserve to be drawn on in time of war. He does not believe that the development of the militia should be allowed to interfere in any way with keeping the Army up to the highest state of efficiency. The Regular Army should be, he believes, the model for the militia to aim to equal. With a view of giving the militia every possible encouragement to attain a high standard of proficiency a more liberal appropriation for supplying them with arms and equipments will be urged by the Committees. The subject is also receiving some attention at the War Department, but as yet no definite programme has been decided upon. General Doe, the new Assistant Secretary, will be found a most earnest advocate for legislation in the interest of the militia when the proper time comes. As yet he has not had time to give much attention to the subject.

In view of the fact that neither the Secretary of the Treasury, nor the Secretary of the Navy has made any recommendation this year for the transfer of the Revenue Cutter Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy, it is not probable that effort will be made to secure the passage of the Revenue Marine transfer bill during the present Congress, and the officers of that service have about given up hope of being transferred to the Navy at

present. They made a hard fight for this transfer in the last Congress, with the Secretary of the Navy heartily in favor of the bill. Secretary Tracy was particularly earnest in his advocacy of the measure and made a very strong argument before the Committee on Naval Affairs in the House in favor of its adoption, basing his recommendation largely on the plea that it would benefit the Navy to have added to it a large number of small vessels that would furnish opportunity for officers to exercise independent command at a much earlier age than is possible at present. His argument had great weight with the committee, and the bill was reported favorably. It never reached a vote in the House, however. While it is not probable that there will be much effort made to secure the transfer of the Cutter Service to the Navy, it is probable that an effort will be made to secure relief for that service through another channel, and there is a growing disposition among Senators and Representatives who are familiar with the facts, to create an independent retired list for the Revenue Marine. Senator Gorman is understood to be in favor of the independent retired list and he will probably advocate it in the Senate Committee on Commerce, of which he is a member. Heretofore the objections to creating a civil retired list in any form has prevented the creation of a retired list for the Revenue Cutter Service, but the growing demands upon the officers of the service make it imperative that some method should be devised by which all the men on the active list shall be physically able to perform active duty. As it is at present, quite a number of the officers, either through age or other disability, are unfitted for duty, and yet they must be kept on the list, where they prevent the appointment of capable men and prevent the promotion of deserving officers of lower grades, who are performing the duties of higher grades.

AN unknown writer says: "If there is a woman whom one might delight to honor above all others, it is the 'Army woman.' Her name could well be writ on brass, high among the few exalted. For her position is unique among the sisters of men. She has much to do and little to do with; her lines would seem exceptionally unpleasant; it is not given her to have even a sure abiding place; she is a dweller in tents, a transient in undesirable quarters; her feet are forever in the path of removals; she is part and parcel of an organization that officially ignores her. Against all this is required of her to do as women without the Army do—to make and maintain a home, to assume and discharge the cares and responsibilities of wifehood and motherhood. It is because she does this, because reliance upon her is well placed, that a monument to her eternal praise might well be considered."

Some of the best blood in this country has flown through the veins of the women of our Army and Navy, and the influence of their noble character has shaped the destinies of many an honored son of the Republic. Their virtues and their sacrifices; their patient acceptance of adverse fortune, often times emulating the heroism of the martyrs, furnish a theme upon which the most eloquent of pens might enlarge without exhausting it. We wish that some one who understood the subject would tell us the story of the influence of the Army and the Navy upon the development of what is best in our national character. In such case the women of our Army and Navy would receive the recognition they so well deserve. An article published within the last week calls attention to the influence of a single noble Army woman, the wife of General George H. Thomas, upon the fortunes of her husband, and through him upon the fortunes of the country, and Mrs. Thomas is but one of many to whom may be accorded equal honor for fidelity to the highest instincts of womanhood. We cannot over estimate the influence of good women in making good men, for "men believe the lips they kiss."

WE are asked whether we think the bills introduced into the House by Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Texas, to abolish the retired lists of the Army and Navy are likely to become laws. We are happy to say that we do not believe that Mr. Bailey can make any progress with these bills. The time has not yet come—and we hope it may never come—

when a majority of the two Houses of Congress and the President of the United States can be persuaded to join in so flagrant an act of bad faith. Retirements have been too long recognized as the just reward of honorable service, and the principle of retirement is too firmly established to be lightly set aside. At the same time it is to be remembered that members of Congress do not introduce such bills unless they are satisfied in their own minds that there is some popular sentiment behind them. It is well, therefore, to keep watch of all such measures and overwhelm them at the outset with disapproval. One office of a service journal is analogous to that of the sentinel whose duty it is to warn the camp of every indication of a hostile attack. The Army and Navy have suffered before this from assaults which might possibly have been prevented had due warning been given in sufficient season. Mr. Bailey, the author of this unjust and discreditable measure, is a young lawyer who was born in Copiah County, Mississippi, thirty years ago, and removed to Texas in 1885. This is his second term in Congress and he served as elector at large upon the Democratic ticket in 1888.

THE unfortunate result of the encounter between Captain Hedberg and Lieutenant Maney, at Fort Sheridan, has been followed by an inquiry at the War Department as to the circumstances leading up to such a result, and this has been stimulated by the persistent efforts of the widow of Captain Hedberg. She has visited the Government officials at Washington, the members of Congress, and the newspaper offices, and has sought in every way that an attractive woman can do to create a prejudice against Lieutenant Maney and the administration at Fort Sheridan. We do not doubt that the investigation proposed will result to the advantage of Colonel Crofton, who commands Fort Sheridan. He has an excellent reputation as a disciplinarian, an experience acquired in a service of nearly thirty-three years, and there can be no reasonable doubt that inquiry will make clear that he is not even remotely responsible for the unfortunate occurrence under his command. Lieutenant Maney, too, has always had an excellent reputation: the career of Captain Hedberg is on record in the files of the Judge Advocate General's Office. The reputation of an officer ought not to be even so much brought into question by the ex-parte statements of an excited woman, but in view of the fact that Congress and the newspapers have been appealed to in this instance, an official inquiry seemed to be necessary.

IN an article in the New York Herald on the use of dogs for military purposes the writer says: "A dog trotting gayly along, attached to a cart containing three good sized men, is no uncommon sight in a Belgian town; so one of these powerful war dogs is quite equal to dragging a couple of wounded."

THE London Engineer concludes thus a discussion of English and French naval policy: "Our policy has been one alternately of reducing everything connected with the Navy to the lowest level of peace requirements, with bursts of lavish expenditure when our vast interests in some part of the world appeared in peril. Then, as Sir Charles Dilke has aptly remarked, 'we just put the treasury to bed, and allow the naval authorities to spend loan money like water.' Everything we can lay our hands on of warlike material, good, bad and indifferent, is bought up, and when the panic subsides, stores that have never been used are disposed of for a quarter of what they cost. This is not the way to be in readiness for war, and the result is, that so far from being equal at sea to a combination of any two powers, we are not in a position to contend successfully with one. Our navy is as important to us as the army is to France or Germany. Our expenditure on it should bear some proportion to what those countries consider necessary for their principal weapon of defence. The organization of our fleet for immediate war service should be as complete as that wonderful system which enables armies to be mobilized in 48 hours. Everything is provided for. We spend twenty millions on ships, and omit the docks, which are equally important; or the reserves of ammunition, without which the ships would be useless. At Toulon a disabled gun can be replaced in a ship by another in a few hours. It would be a useful bit of drill to order one of our Channel Squadron to shift a 67 ton gun, and note the time the vessel was out of action. In fact, we are only at the threshold of an efficient organization for war. It may need a terrible lesson to convince us that no nation can neglect with impunity any precaution for insuring that its armed forces are prepared at all points."

It may be interesting to some Army officers to learn that the Emperor of Germany has discovered a hairdresser who has the art of imparting an unheard of stiffness to mustaches, and thanks to his skill, the imperial mustache can now vie with any in the Empire. The fortunate barber goes daily to Potsdam to attend on the Emperor, and is high in imperial favor.

THAT always welcome volume, the new Army Register, will be out on time this year unless there is some unexpected delay at the printing office. The final proof has been revised and the book could now be put to press but for the possible changes that may occur before Jan. 1. The only change in the "make up" of the new Register is the omission of the staff service and the index thereto.

IN view of the small number of casualties recorded during the past few months, the members of next year's West Point graduating class are to be congratulated upon the decision of the authorities against the appointment of civilians to existing vacancies in the grade of 21 lieutenants. The year is now half gone and there are only twenty vacancies in this grade, considerably less than the number necessary for the class graduating next June.

ACCORDING to the New York Herald, Governor's Island has been invaded by an army of men eager to enlist under Uncle Sam's banners. It has not been quite so bad as all that, but there is plenty of good material available for soldiers at present, although recruiting officers fight shy of the winter birds who want a comfortable roost until spring-time and then fly to parts unknown.

IN granting permission to Cadet La Comte to enter the Cavalry and Infantry School at Fort Leavenworth for a two years' period of instruction, the War Department departs for the first time from the rule to confine the privileges of this school to commissioned officers of our Army. In granting this permission it gives further evidence of the friendly feeling entertained for the Swiss Government, now presided over by a former officer of our Army, and for the father of young La Comte, who has also served under our flag. The young man had hoped to secure a temporary commission in the U. S. Army, but the War Department could not see its way clear to making the appointment, and authorized his admission to the Fort Leavenworth School as the next best thing that could be done for him.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON contributes to the January number of the Century, on Military Instruction in Schools and Colleges, in which he advocates the system proposed by Post Lafayette, G. A. R., and says: "A military drill develops the whole man, head, chest, arms, and legs, proportionately; and so promotes symmetry, and corrects the excesses of other forms of exercise. It teaches quickness of eye and ear, hand and foot; qualifies men to step and act in unison; teaches subordination; and, best of all, qualifies a man to serve his country. The flag now generally floats above the school-house; and what more appropriate than that the boys should be instructed in the defence of it? It will not lower their grade-marks in their book recitations, I am sure. If rightly used it will wake them up, make them more healthy, develop their pride, and promote school order. In the Centennial parades in New York, in April, 1889, the best marching I saw was that of some of your school children. The alignment of the company front was better than that of the Regulars or of the Seventh Regiment."

THERE will be but one compulsory retirement for age in the line of the Marine Corps in the next eight years. This prospect realized, will deny promotion to some of the present majors and keep the senior captains where they are until they become nearly sixty years of age. Though the captains are veterans of the War of the Rebellion and have excellent records, they are doing duty alongside of lieutenants who were unborn from five to ten years after they had entered the Service, and that duty identically the same. The Commandant of the Marine Corps has devoted a few lines to these officers in his annual reports, but more active attention will be necessary to secure the relief which he desires. The Secretary of the Navy has given evidence that he fully appreciates the evils of stagnation in official promotion, and no doubt would further any effort to include the cases of the marine captains with those line officers of the Navy to whom he has so earnestly invited the attention of the President and of Congress. In the British Marine Corps, officers between fifty and sixty are colonels and generals, and the senior marine officer of a fleet or squadron has the rank of major, which is usually attained between forty and forty-five.

WORK on the Military and Naval Appropriation bills is about at a standstill during the holiday recess of Congress. The rooms of the committees on Military and Naval Affairs have been open nearly every day during the past week and some of the members of the committees have been about, but beyond a small amount of routine work performed by the clerks in the way of arranging information for the use of the committees nothing has been done to advance the preparation of the bills.

A NEWSPAPER despatch of Dec. 26, from Kansas City, says: "At a meeting of the Board of Education to-day the offer of the Secretary of War in his annual report to furnish public schools of the country a military attaché, who will instruct the scholars in military tactics and drills, was accepted. Kansas City is, therefore, the first city to avail itself of the offer. An officer from Fort Leavenworth this week will be detailed for the service."

THE Kansas City Times says: "Stephen O. Tripp, who was discharged from the 4th Infantry band about five years ago, reflects credit upon the Service by the manner in which he has gained the confidence and esteem of the community in which he resides. When he left the Service he settled in Peoria, Ill., and is at present colonel of the Fourth Illinois Militia and captain of the police. If a list could be prepared, embracing the names of ex-soldiers who hold honorable and responsible positions, and published to the world, there would be fewer hard words for the enlisted men of the United States Army."

REFERRING to the recent suicide of Sergt. Harris, 5th Artillery, at Alcatraz Island, Cal., the San Francisco Chronicle says: "The men stationed on the island assert that there is a hoodoo on the place. They point to its unenviable notoriety for tragedies. They recollect that Dr. Dietz murdered his wife and then shot himself, that a private blew his brains out in his sleeping quarters, that a petty officer attempted to kill himself on the steamer, and came near to shooting one of the deck hands who tried to disarm him, and that the assistant light-house keeper on the island cut his throat. Now Sergt. Harris has blown his brains out."

SECRETARY LAMONT continues slowly to make assignments of Army officers to colleges under recent Congressional act, and this week added only one more to the list, 1st Lieut. Marion B. Saffold, 13th Infantry. He has been detailed as professor of military science at the University of Alabama. There are still twenty-two more officers to be detailed upon this duty, and the demand from colleges for them continues to come to the Department. As far as possible the Secretary will make the assignments of officers from those which the colleges request for the service. The papers and requests of all such cases have been reviewed by the Adjutant General and are now on the Secretary's desk waiting further action. The Secretary's absence from the city last week prevented him from considering the matter, but it is believed he will take it up after the New Year, and that several details will soon be announced.

By direction of the Secretary of War an additional paragraph has been added to the Army Regulations prescribing the scope of examination for vacancies in the grade of first lieutenant in the Signal Corps. To be eligible, an officer must be less than thirty years of age, must have served at least two years as an officer in the line of the Army, and must have passed a satisfactory examination before a Board of Officers of the Signal Corps. Applications for examination will be made to the Adjutant General of the Army. Should the applicant be directed to appear before a board, he will, after passing a satisfactory preliminary examination as to his physical qualifications, be examined upon the following subjects, or such other as the Secretary of War may prescribe: Theoretical and practical electricity; modern languages; chemistry and optics; military surveying and reconnaissance. The Board will inquire into and consider the especial military fitness for the Signal Corps of the candidate, and require from him an essay on a military subject.

In an interview on athletic sports Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., said: "I am for a change in the rules, because I want to see the game perpetuated, and I don't believe it can endure under the existing so-called Rugby rules. As now played at Yale, Princeton, Harvard and Cornell, the game of football is productive of a greater number of injuries, both immediate and permanent, than is prize fighting under the Marquis of Queensbury rules." Gen. Miles was somewhat skeptical as to the advantages of the game as training in the quality of aggressive,ness or personal bravery. "I look upon the practice of the game," he said, "mainly from the standpoint

of physical training, although there are less violent sports that more nearly furnish desired results." Of boxing he said: "I can see no objection to boxing with soft gloves, as long as it is in the line of physical development and training for self-defence. I am strongly in favor of running, jumping, vaulting—in fact any exercise that makes a man healthy and gives him a long lease of life."

RECENT DEATHS.

CAPTAIN JOHN MASON NORVELL, U. S. Army, retired, who died at Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18, served gallantly during the war as an Assistant Adjutant General of Volunteers, receiving the brevet of lieutenant-colonel. He resigned June 21, 1865, and in July, 1866, was appointed 1st lieutenant of the 31st U. S. Infantry, afterwards to the 12th Infantry. He attained the grade of captain in 1874, and was retired in December, 1890, for disability incurred in the line of duty. He held the brevets of captain and Major in the Regular Army for his gallantry during the war.

CAPTAIN CHARLES AKERS JOHNSON, U. S. A., retired, who died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, served during the entire war as an enlisted man and officer of Wisconsin Volunteers and rendered excellent service. In August, 1867, he was appointed a 2d lieutenant of the 14th U. S. Infantry, was promoted 1st lieutenant in 1876, and was retired, with the rank of Captain, Jan. 9, 1892, for disability incurred in the line of duty.

THE Hon. James Black, father of Capt. Wm. M. Black, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., died Dec. 16, at Lancaster, Pa.

JUDGE MARTIN D. McHENRY, who died at Louisville Dec. 12, was the father-in-law of Col. Albert G. Brackett, U. S. A.

RICHARD M. HARVEY, formerly passed midshipman, U. S. N., who left the Service in 1841, died Dec. 16, at Washington, D. C.

MRS. ANNE BRYAN SHIFF, who died in New York City Dec. 23, was a daughter of Col. Timothy Matlack Bryan, who was graduated from West Point in 1851, appointed to the 10th Infantry, and resigned in 1857, and served during the war as a colonel of Pennsylvania Cavalry. He died in 1881.

MRS. SARAH ROACH SCHUYLER, who died Dec. 22, at her home in New York City, was a daughter of John B. Roach, of Chester, Pa., the famous ship-builder, and a granddaughter of John Roach, who built the U. S. cruiser Chicago and many ocean steamers. Mrs. Schuyler christened many of the big ships which are afloat to-day.

GENERAL DATUS E. COON, who was brevetted brigadier for gallantry at the battle of Nashville, was accidentally shot in the stomach by a companion named Groveteen at San Diego, Dec. 16, when about to start for a carriage ride, and died the next morning. General Coon had been a member of the Alabama Legislature for six years, and for a similar period United States Consul at Baracoa, Cuba. He had resided in San Diego for some time, and was highly esteemed as a most courteous, amiable and gallant gentleman. A married daughter, Mrs. Charles Loomis, of San Francisco, survives him.

MRS. MARGARETTA GIBSON MCCLURE, who died at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Dec. 15, in her eightieth year, was the last of the children of Chief Justice John Bannister Gibson, Pennsylvania's famous jurist, and belonged to a family which took a prominent part in the early history of our nation and of Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandfather, George Gibson, was colonel of the 1st Virginia line throughout the Revolutionary war, and commanded his regiment in many battles. After the revolution he commanded a regiment in Genl. St. Clair's army, and succeeded to the command when St. Clair fell, and was himself killed toward the close of the engagement. Her uncle, Gen. George Gibson, was colonel of the 5th U. S. Inf., and Quartermaster General of the Division of the South, and on Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff, and was Commissary General of the U. S. Army, from 1818 to 1861, when he died at Washington. Her two brothers, were John B. Gibson, who was 1st lieutenant 4th Art., and commanded a light battery in Gen. Scott's campaign in Mexico; and George Gibson, who died in New Mexico, while colonel commanding the 5th U. S. Inf., the same regiment commanded by his uncle nearly three-fourths of a century before. Mrs. McClure had two sisters, Annie Gibson, who married Mr. Wm. Milnor Roberts, a distinguished civil engineer who built many of the railways of our country, the last being the Northern Pacific, and who died three years ago in Brazil in charge of the public works under Dom Pedro. Sallie Gibson, her youngest sister, married Capt. Richard H. Anderson, of the 24th U. S. Dragoons, a South Carolinian, who during the civil war became lieutenant general in Lee's army. Mrs. McClure's surviving children are Col. Charles McClure, Paymaster U. S. A., Mr. George Gibson McClure, Paymaster clerk, and Mr. Wm. McClure, the vice chairman of the New York Stock Exchange. Mrs. Annie Yates, widow of Col. Yates, who fell with Gen. Custer in 1876, was a niece. Mrs. McClure was endowed by nature with much beauty, and in her youth was a leader in society, a brilliant conversationalist, and possessed great wit which she always tempered with good humor and kindness. She was a good linguist, a great reader, and an accomplished musician. She was kind to the poor and unfortunate, and was beloved by the people of Carlisle. She was a consistent and active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and was buried from there on Dec. 17.

THE officers constituting the trial board of the Olympia have been much inconvenienced by the storms and fogs which have delayed her grand speed test on the California Coast.

THE STATE TROOPS.

CODE CURIOSITIES, NEW YORK.—II.

AT the head of art. iv., section 51 is said to treat of chiefs of "staffs" instead of staff; sections 82, 83 and 84, art. vi., speak incorrectly of "officers" in the singular number; section 123, art. viii., refers to the pay, etc., of troops when "called;" section 144, art. ix., is said to refer to "instruction in," rather than "at" United States forts and vessels; and, besides, "vessels" are not mentioned in the text of the section. "Return" instead of returns and "member," instead of members, appear in sections 145 and 148. The stated contents of section 145 is curtailed at page 46. "Draft" instead of drafts is found, section 163, art. x: while the synopsis of the section (165) that treats of the organization of militia when ordered out, is made to say, organization "and number." Regiments, and separate companies, too, will be glad to see that the supervisors are to "furnish" armories; section 170, art. xi. The foregoing errors appear in the contents of sections, printed at the head of the articles specified.

The forms for delinquency courts incorrectly call for the "rank," instead of the grade, of the subscribing officer; pages 62, 63 and 64; and while the summons recites that the court is constituted by virtue of "orders from headquarters," etc., the corresponding recital in the warrant is of the "name and rank" of the officer by whom the court was appointed.

Section 239 provides that commissioned "officers" may be tried, among other offenses, for oppression or injury of any under "his" command; and in section 232, for disrespect to "his" superior officer, enlisted "men" may be tried, etc.

These examples of want of care do not by any means include all of such defects. Sections 86 and 232 provide, very properly, that non-commissioned officers may be "reduced" to the ranks as a punishment. Reduction is an old form of punishment, and is regarded as a military degradation. Therefore, non-commissioned officers rendered supernumerary, or desiring transfer, should not be "reduced," but returned to the ranks, by vacating their warrants. See sections 13 and 71.

How can the preparation and issue by the Adjutant-General of the necessary blanks, etc., required "for his office" by the National Guard (section 33) carry into full effect the provisions of the code? Assistants in the staff departments cannot, in future, be commissioned, without examination before an examining board. See section 50. The only exceptions now, to examination before commission, are general officers and the staff of the Governor. Section 52 provides that brigadier-generals "may be * * chosen by the field officers," etc.; and by section 52 field officers "shall be chosen by the field and company * * officers," etc.; and captains and lieutenants of troops, batteries and companies, "shall be chosen by the written or printed votes" of the officers and enlisted men, etc. This distinction seems to mean that brigadier-generals and field officers are not to be voted for. JOHN POTTER.

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Seventh New York.—Col. App'eton.

COMPANY drills in the 7th were continued through the holidays from Christmas to New Years, although in nearly all other commands a rest is given for the week. On the evening of Dec. 28 Co. E, Capt. B. Roads, paraded 30 files, and Co. F, Capt. Rand, paraded 40 files, which, considering it was on the evening following Christmas, was all the more creditable. Promptly at the minute of 8 o'clock both companies fell in and were reported to their respective captains. I. Co. F Lieut. Stelle was given command and the first portion of the evening, and were exercised in the school of the company and also in movements by platoons. The marching in column of fours, company fronts, column of platoons, oblique, change of direction, and fronts into line, and turns, were all that could be desired, and in fact were finely executed. The manual was executed with unusual precision. The intervals and distances throughout were also correctly maintained. Later Capt. Rand, who had been observing the movements of his company took command, and finally during the last half hour of the drill, both he and Lieut. Stelle retired from the company, leaving it in command of 2d Lieut. C. L. Nichols, who put the company through the drill like a veteran, although only commissioned a short time since. The placing of the company in command of Lieut. Nichols, put 1st Sergt. T. C. Wiswall in charge of the 1st Platoon and Sergt. C. L. Comfort in charge of the 2d Platoon, and corporals had consequently to act as guides. This change, however, in no wise interfered with the perfect execution of the movements, and proved the competency of all concerned. Capt. Rand's idea in giving his subordinates a chance to command and change their positions, is an excellent one, and should be followed generally throughout the Guard. It is most valuable in case of emergency, and is the only proper way by which officers and non-coms., as well as the men can be thoroughly instructed in their duties. The company will arrange an elaborate stag on the evening of Jan. 28.

The drill of Co. E was in general similar to that of F, and was equally excellent. Capt. Rhodes retained command the entire evening, being assisted by Lieuts. Wilson and Pressinger. The company on Jan. 19 will give an informal dance at the armory. Sergt. Daisill being chairman of the committee in charge. Co. B, Capt. Nesbitt, had a Christmas tree celebration on Dec. 23 at which there was lots of fun.

Twelfth N. Y.—Col. Dowd.

ONE of the best contested rifle matches yet shot on the armory range was that for the Riker trophy, which took place Dec. 27. It was a nip and tuck from beginning to end and only a few points separating the four leading teams at the finish. The match was won by the team from Co. E, who scored 216 points out of a possible 250. The conditions were: Teams of five men, five shots per man, at 200 and 500 yards. The score of each team was as follows:

Co.	200 yards.	500 yards.	Avs.
E, Capt. Roosevelt.....	112	112	215
C, Capt. Seiter.....	104	104	212
F, S. and N. C. S.....	99	112	211
B, Capt. Smylie.....	101	110	211
I, Capt.....	97	108	200
A, Capt. Smith.....	96	100	196
H, Capt. Content.....	92	98	190
K, Capt. Wake.....	88	93	183
F, Capt. Gerard.....	93	84	177
G, Capt. Dyer.....	75	84	159
D, Capt. Barnard.....	71	91	155

The best individual scores were made by Lt. Stebbins, B. 45; Lt. Col. Butt, 44; Sergt. Stewart, N. C. S., 44, and Lt. Paine, Sergts. Lamb and McDermott, E, each 45.

First Battery, New York.—Captain Wendel.

IT is with much pleasure that we announce that the 1st Battery has received an entire new outfit, consisting of

four 3.2 inch breechloading field guns, complete with battery wagon forage, harness, etc., as well as two brass muzzle-loading Napoleon guns, the latter being intended for riot duty at close quarters. These new field guns were received from the War Department some time ago as part of the State's quota from the annual appropriation, and a better distribution of them than to Capt. Wendel's command could not have been made. Year after year Capt. Wendel has used every endeavor to promote the efficiency of the battery, and he has succeeded to a marked degree. Capt. Wendel first entered the battery as a 1st Lieutenant, on Sept. 27, 1881, and it was then known as Bat. K. On Dec. 15, 1883, Lieut. Wendel was promoted to captain and upon assuming command at once turned his attention to improving the battery, upon a strict military basis. In a short time a great improvement was manifest in the condition of the command, and year after year its efficiency increased, until at the present time the 1st Battery not only stands first numerically, but is certainly second to none, generally speaking, among the batteries of the State in all things pertaining to practical military work. This has not been accomplished without a great deal of hard work and many sacrifices upon the part of Capt. Wendel, his officers and his men, who have ably responded at all times to promote the welfare of the battery in all directions. The new outfit was received at the armory Dec. 27, and on Jan. 10, at the review by Gen. Fitzgerald, the new guns will be on inspection, and a drill will probably be given with them. The review will begin at 9.30 P. M. sharp.

Second Battery, New York.—Captain Wilson.

CAPT. DAVID WILSON has made an interesting report to the Adjutant-General in connection with the practice march of his battery last fall to Peekskill and return, in conjunction with Lieut. Bat. K, 1st U. S. Art., and the 1st Battery of N. Y., Capt. Wendel. Capt. Wilson's command left July 29 with five officers and 71 enlisted men, fully equipped for field service, with three days' rations, and wearing the Army campaign hats. They reported to Capt. J. W. Dillenback, U. S. A., at the Boulevard and 65th street, where they left at 11.40 A. M. The captain recites the route taken and the tour of duty at camp and the march home, and in a general way says: "From the time the battery left the armory, the officers and men evinced a willingness to learn, and with the object lesson of Dillenback's battery, which was present, a renewed impulse was noticeable. The several verbal and written instructions were cheerfully complied with. The march was beneficial in itself, as it gave an experience on rough roads, the matter of ascending and descending hills, attending to the brakes, and the care of horses and men on the march. The going into park, the erection of camp, the watering, care and grooming of horses became an easy matter. The drivers were changed with cannoneers, so as to give a greater number an experience in harnessing, and other duties connected with the picket line. In camp the usual method of subsisting troops prevailed. The battery was permitted to wear the campaign hat. I was more than favorably impressed with it and recommend it for use in camp or on the march. I would also recommend that officers, when on mounted duty, be allowed to wear gauntlets. The battery carriages and caissons are in good condition. The brakes are of no use for traveling purposes, as three of them were broken on the march. The harness was found to work well, the only breakage being a pole strap. The battery wagon and forage proved to be an important part of the battery equipment, as our farriest was enabled to replace shoes when required, as well as furnish tools for wheelwright and harness maker. My thanks are due to Capt. C. F. Roe, the Hon. Chas. A. Stadler, Major Swayne and Mr. Van Courtlandt for many favors in connection with the march. To Capt. Dillenback, Lieut. Price, Parker and Snow, of Light Bat. K, 1st Art., and to Lieut. E. E. Hardin, 7th U. S. Inf., the battery is deeply indebted. To serve with Capt. Dillenback was a pleasure richly enjoyed, and the object lesson which Bat. K furnished was incalculably beneficial. In the absence of a surgeon, 1st Lieut. and Asst. Surg. F. L. Fuqua, of the 1st Battery, deserves my thanks for his prompt and efficient service when called upon. The officers of my battery (Lts. Pasco, Farquhar, Cable and Flanagan) were faithful and efficient. The 1st sergeant and the other non-com. officers and men behaved themselves as soldiers, so that I am proud to command them. I am satisfied that the march was a success. New men were educated and the knowledge gained by the march and in camp will develop. Our appreciation of being selected for this tour of duty was manifested by our remaining for two extra days at our own expense, and not leaving Bat. K until we reached our station. In conclusion I beg to testify to my pleasant relations with the several officers on duty at the Camp of Instruction. There was nothing left undone to make our tour of duty successful and pleasant. To the Adjutant-General of the State we are indebted for this practice march, and I trust that his personal knowledge of the necessities of our branch of the service, even with the many errors (by omission and commission) which he may have witnessed during the week's work, will not deter him from following up the good work inaugurated in 1893."

Naval Militia.

Massachusetts.—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, the 1st Battalion, Naval Brigade, devoted the entire time to divisional drill. New recruits were noticed in all the divisions and the new year will find but few vacancies in the brigade.

The cadets on the Massachusetts nautical training-ship *Enterprise* are having a vacation during the Christmas holidays.

CALIFORNIA RIFLE SHOOTING.

An interesting military rifle competition was shot on Dec. 17 at the range of the 2d Infantry C. N. G., at Sacramento.

ments, between teams from Co. C, 1st Regiment, (the Nationals) and a team from Co. F, 8th Regiment. Lieut. S. L. Palsen, 1st U. S. Infantry, was referee. The match was governed by Bunt's target practice, and the conditions were teams of 30 men each firing 10 shots per man at 200 yards. The scores made were exceptionally high, especially considering the fact that the men from each team were all from one company. This match has been talked of for some time, and considerable interest was manifested in its outcome. After a close contest Co. C won the match on an aggregate of 1225 points out of a possible 1500, against 1,195 made by Co. F, a lead of 30 points. The average number of points per man on the winning team was 40.8, and that of Co. F, 40. The following are the names of the winning team with aggregate scores:

COMPANY C, 1st INFANTRY.

Dumbrell.....	42	Smithson.....	42	Kennedy.....	43
Taylor.....	45	Ritter.....	45	Sittor.....	38
Rurickio.....	38	Brod.....	42	Snook.....	38
Raby.....	38	Bullivant.....	45	Walsham.....	45
Fredericks.....	43	Halt.....	38	Meyer.....	43
Robertson.....	44	Eyre.....	43	Meldal.....	33
Peterson.....	42	Ruddock.....	38	Hicks.....	41
Burton.....	38	Klein.....	39	Nolte.....	38
Lods.....	40	Hawkins.....	42	Martin.....	43
Farmelle.....	41	Carson.....	40	C. Klein.....	40

Total, 1,225; average, 40.8. On the same day and at the same range, and under the same conditions as the above match Co. B, 1st Regiment, easily defeated Co. C, of the 8th Regiment, and even made 8 points better than the winner of the first match. The score of Co. B was 1,225 points, an average of 41 points per man, and that of Co. C, 8th Regiment, was 1,143, an average of 38 points per man. It is considered very likely Co. B will soon send a challenge to its sister, Co. C.

WISCONSIN.

The Adjutant-General of Wisconsin publishes some interesting extracts from the report of 1st Lieut. Wm. L. Buck, 13th U. S. Inf., on duty as Assistant Inspector General, W. N. G., during the past season, in which Lieut. Buck is quoted as saying: "After an inspection of the whole of the Wisconsin National Guard, I desire to express my admiration for the general efficiency, and agreeable surprise at the excellent organization therein, and my pleasure at the better discipline, as a whole, than I had conceived probable in the State troops, where the means of enforcing it are so circumscribed and limited."

COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 4.—Annual meeting of Vetsburg Veterans, N. Y.
Jan. 5.—Star of Co. G, 71st N. Y.
Jan. 6.—Ball of Co. G, 14th N. Y.
Jan. 9.—Review of Cavalry Corps, 47th N. Y., at armory.
Jan. 10.—Annual ball of 1st Battery, N. Y.
Jan. 10.—Minstrel show of Co. H, 23d N. Y., at armory.
Jan. 17.—Convention of National Guard Association, New York, at Albany.
Jan. 18.—Annual ball of the Old Guard of New York, at Madison Square Garden.
Jan. 18.—Reception of the veterans of the 5th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.
Jan. 19.—Informal dance, Co. E, 7th N. Y.
Jan. 21.—Annual meeting and stag, 12th N. Y. Old Guard, at armory.
Jan. 22.—Review of 22d N. Y., at armory.
Jan. 23.—Annual dinner, Veterans 47th N. Y.
Jan. 23.—Dutch of Co. F, 7th N. Y.
Jan. 25.—Review of 13th N. Y., at armory.
Feb. 1.—Military night, "Tabasco," by 1st Corps Cadets at the Tremont Theatre, Boston.
Feb. 1.—Minstrel entertainment and ball of Co. C, 23d N. Y., at Central Opera House, 67th street and 3d avenue.
Feb. 8.—Annual dinner of Co. B, 71st N. Y., at the Hotel Savoy.
Feb. 16.—Athletic games of Troop A, New York, at armory.
Feb. 22.—Ball, Non-Coms. Ass'n. 13th N. Y., at armory.

VARIOUS.

The 9th N. Y., Col. Seward, will parade for Divine service Jan. 23.
Co. H, 33d N. Y., will hold a minstrel show at the armory on Jan. 10 and a very pleasant time is anticipated.
Report comes of a Negro riot at Wildwood, Fla., and the coming out of the Tampa Rifles to Wildwood on Tuesday night Dec. 26.
The annual dinner of the Veteran Association of the 47th N. Y. will be held at the Hanover Club, Brooklyn, on Jan. 23, and many prominent officers have been invited.
Co. G, 3d Regt., O. N. G., has elected Capt. W. A. Irvine again to that position, which he has held for the past five years, and Sergt. Elmer Blizard was elected 2d lieutenant.
There will be two reviews in the 71st N. Y. during January, 1895. The 2d Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Downs, will be reviewed about the middle of the month, and the 1st Battalion, Major Francis, will be reviewed the latter part of the month.

Much sympathy is expressed for Col. S. V. R. Cruger, for the great loss he sustained of valuable military relics at the destruction of his mansion by fire recently. Aside from his elaborate household property, the Colonel had a collection of military souvenirs it will be impossible to replace.

The election in Co. G, 71st N. Y., on Dec. 23, resulted in the election of 1st Lieut. L. W. Francis, he receiving 24 votes against 22 for Lieut. Wimmer, of Co. A, who, however, had not announced himself as a candidate.

Capt. F. G. Steele, I. R. P., 3d Regt., O. N. G., has organized in Newark, after consulting the members of the Board of Education, a corps of high school cadets of two companies, and numbering some 300 boys. There will be no permanent officers until March, when they will be elected by competitive drill.

A delinquency court for the trial of all officers of the 1st N. Y. Brigade below the rank of brigadier-general is ordered to meet at Brigade Headquarters, N. Y. City, on Jan. 8, the detail being Major Franklin Bartlett, 23d Regt.; Capt. Waldo Forague, 71st Regt., and Capt. A. M. Tompkins, 9th Regt. The composition of this court is one that is sure to accomplish the desired end.

Major Henry Chauncey, Jr., 8th Battalion, N. Y., has appointed the following staff: Adjutant, Lieut. F. A. Richmond; quartermaster, Lieut. H. G. Ridabock; surgeon, Major C. E. Bruce; sergeant-major, F. Bierhoff; quartermaster sergeant, A. J. Picard, and ordnance sergeant, W. E. Laragh. Several entertainments by the battalion will be arranged for. Co. D will hold a reception Jan. 10.

Adj.-Gen. E. E. Bradley, of Connecticut, announces the following as the figures of merit of each organization of the Connecticut National Guard for the month of November, 1893, based on the drill reports for the month: 1st Regt., 92.30; 2d Regt., 95.11; Brigade Signal Corps, 92.38; Machine Gun Battery, 95.45; 3d Regt., 85.35; 4th Regt., 89.35; Sep. Co., 1st, 87.90; 2d, 70.33; Bat. A, 86.26.

The Boston Globe says: "Brig.-Gen. Thomas Kittredge, surgeon-general, has applied for retirement. Gov. Russell and staff will have parting dinner on the evening of Jan. 3, when a staff association will be formed. Gov. Russell has tendered Gov.-elect Greenbush a detail of his staff to accompany him to the State House on the day of his inauguration."

Co. B, 71st N. Y., Capt. Smith, will hold its anniversary dinner on the evening of Feb. 8 at Hotel Savoy. Co. G on Dec. 28 unanimously elected 1st Lieut. T. W. Timpon captain, vice Corbin, resigned and honorably discharged. Capt.-elect Timpon is known as a very progressive officer. On the evening of Friday, Jan. 5, the company will hold a stag dinner.

Co. F, of South Dakota National Guard, Capt. Caldwell, assembled in the Hotel Kennard at Aberdeen on the evening of Dec. 21, where parading in the dining hall before a distinguished company of people, including the Governor and staff, a banner and marksmen's badges were presented, after which there was a largely attended reception. Gov. Sheldon, addressing Capt. Caldwell and the members of the command, formally made the presentation of the banner with appropriate remarks. The banner was of silk and gold, surmounted and emblazoned by the eagle of the Republic and bears the words, "Champion Company, First Battalion, 1893." The marksmen's badge, an elegant gold affair presented the best rifle shot in each company, was then given and pinned upon the breast of Capt. Caldwell by Adj.-Gen. Sheldon, addressing Capt. Caldwell and the members of the command, formally made the presentation of the banner with appropriate remarks. The banner was of silk and gold, surmounted and emblazoned by the eagle of the Republic and bears the words, "Champion Company, First Battalion, 1893." The marksmen's badge, an elegant gold affair presented the best rifle shot in each company, was then given and pinned upon the breast of Capt. Caldwell by Adj.-Gen. Sheldon, addressing Capt. Caldwell and the members of the command, formally made the presentation of the banner with appropriate remarks. The banner was of silk and gold, surmounted and emblazoned by the eagle of the Republic and bears the words, "Champion Company, First Battalion, 1893." The marksmen's badge, an elegant gold affair presented the best rifle shot in each company, was then given and pinned upon the breast of Capt. Caldwell by Adj.-Gen. Sheldon, addressing Capt. Caldwell and the members of the command, formally made the presentation of the banner with appropriate remarks. The banner was of silk and gold, surmounted and emblazoned by the eagle of the Republic and bears the words, "Champion Company, First Battalion, 1893." The marksmen's badge, an elegant gold affair presented the best rifle shot in each company, was then given and pinned upon the breast of Capt. Caldwell by Adj.-Gen. Sheldon, addressing Capt. Caldwell and the members of the command, formally made the presentation of the banner with appropriate remarks.

In the handicap match shot at the armory of the 7th N. Y. on Dec. 23, the following were the prize winners:

	Total.	Handicap.	Score.
Corpl. H. B. Turner, Co. F.....	65	3	65
Pvt. H. C. Senior, Co. H.....	69	5	64
Pvt. W. C. Sawyer, Co. C.....	68	5	63
Serjt. L. Sands, Co. E.....	67	5	62
Corpl. A. Stevens, Co. F.....	67	5	62

Sharpshooters were handicapped five points, the second class men three points, and the third class two points. The following men qualified as sharpshooters during the match:

Corpl. H. B. Turner, Co. F.....	34	34	68
Serjt. L. Sands, Co. B.....	32	35	67
Lieut. B. M. Dunn, Co. G.....	32	34	66
Pvt. S. S. Johnson, Co. E.....	32	34	66
Pvt. A. R. Angell, Co. H.....	30	35	65

THE BOY KNEW.—Teacher: Yes, children, when the war broke out all the able-bodied men who could leave their families enlisted in the Army. Now, can any of you tell me what motives took them to the front?

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

I have been requested by our Executive Committee of the Sons of the American Revolution to publish the names of Army officers belonging to our Association. The following is our Army membership, so far as I can ascertain it:

District of Columbia Society.—Generals J. C. Breckinridge, E. D. Townsend, A. W. Greely, J. J. Dana, P. V. Hagner, H. G. Gibson, Col. George Thom, Capt. C. D. Cowles, Capt. R. C. DuBois, Capt. B. Craig, Lts. Charles Byrne, Powhatan Clarke, Lyman W. V. Kennon, Maj. George A. Ames and Col. E. M. Heyl.

California.—Capt. James E. Sawyer, Maj. Ed. Hunter and Capt. A. W. Corlies.

Massachusetts.—Capt. Philip Reader, Lieut. Montgomery D. Parker, 9th Cavalry; Lieut. Henry L. Riney, 3rd Cavalry.

Ohio.—Lieut. J. T. Anderson.

Connecticut.—Capt. James B. Burbank, Henry Roger Jones and Henry C. Morgan.

Rhode Island.—Lieut. C. W. Abbott.

Maryland.—Col. Charles A. Reynolds, and Lts. M. F. Jamar and J. G. Ord.

New York.—Lieut. L. S. Ames, Lieut. Benjamin Atkinson, Capt. C. G. Ayres, Capt. J. M. Banister, Lieut. H. H. Benham, Col. James Biddle, Lieut. W. F. Blauvelt, C. H. Bonsteel, Capt. W. C. Borden, Lieut. E. P. Brewer, Ed. T. Brown, Lieut. R. B. Bryan, Capt. Otto Budd, Capt. W. H. Corbushier, Capt. W. O. Cory, Col. H. P. Curtis, Capt. John Dillenback, Col. R. L. Dodge, Capt. E. S. Dudley, C. B. Exner, Lieut. L. Finley, Capt. W. L. Finley, Capt. E. A. Garlington, Capt. C. G. Gordon, Lieut. James A. Greene, Gen. O. D. Greene, Lieut. John Gregg, Lieut. William R. Hamilton, Lieut. A. Hamilton, Capt. Walter Howe, Capt. Richard Hoxie, Capt. R. W. Hoyt, Capt. H. W. Hubbell, Capt. Jeff. Kean, Capt. F. M. H. Kendrick, Dr. H. Kilbourne, Col. Jacob Kline, Capt. J. L. Lusk, Capt. C. N. B. Macaulay, Col. J. C. McKee, Lieut. W. A. Mercey, Maj. Marcus P. Miller, Lieut. S. O. Mills, Maj. L. T. Morris, Lieut. Maury Nichols, Maj. S. Norvell, Lieut. E. O. C. Ord, Lieut. C. D. Parkhurst, Lieut. William Paulding, Maj. F. H. Phipps, Capt. C. F. Robe, Gen. J. C. Robinson, Lieut. H. Romeyn, Col. B. P. Runkle, Lieut. G. O. Squier, Lieut. Col. P. W. Stanhope, Capt. J. M. Thompson, Col. E. F. Townsend, Capt. J. L. Viven, Capt. F. Von Schrader, Capt. W. P. Vose, Gen. A. S. Webb, Gen. Thomas Wilson, Lieut. W. C. Wren, Lieut. Col. J. P. Wright, Lieut. W. K. Wright, and Lt. W. M. Wright.

Oregon and Washington.—Maj. T. J. Eekerson, Maj. J. W. French, Chaplain C. C. Bateman, Lieut. E. J. Brooke, Maj. James Jackson, Lieut. H. C. Cabell, Lt. Alfred Hasbrouck, Capt. G. S. Carpenter, Surg. Ed. C. Carter, Lieut. T. H. Eekerson, Lieut. C. P. Elliott, Lieut. Clough Overton, Capt. Benjamin K. Roberts, Capt. Anthony Wayne Vandes, Lieut. Harry Taylor, Engineer Corps; Lieut. F. D. Sharpe and Col. T. M. Anderson.

Officers who are members of the Sons of the American Revolution, whose names do not appear above, are requested to send me their names, and to give the branch to which they belong. There is a growing sentiment in the Society that it should be something more than an ancestral mutual admiration club. As numerous socialistic societies are making an active propaganda of doctrines antagonistic to American ideas of government and morality, many of our members think that we should consider our association one of patriotic endeavor. In so far as this purpose commends itself to our brother officers, we will be glad to have those who are eligible under our rules join us in the good work. As to what we can do: "It is not in our stars, but in ourselves, Rodrigo! that we are such and such."

THOMAS M. ANDERSON.

Another correspondent says: "A recent analysis of the membership of the Sons of the American Revolution reveals the following interesting information: Ten States and the District of Columbia are represented by 131 Army officers and 37 naval officers. Of the Army officers, active and retired, there are 9 generals, 10 colonels, 6 lieut. colonels, 13 majors, 50 captains, and 43 lieutenants. In the corresponding grades of the naval service the figures are respectively: 5 rear-admirals and commodores; 8 captains, 3 commanders; 5 lieutenant commanders, 9 lieutenants, and 7 ensigns. New York is the banner State with 79 Army officers and 11 naval officers on

the rolls. The District of Columbia comes next with 27 officers from the Army and 11 from the Navy. The Pacific coast States have 18 Army officers and 4 naval officers, while New England shows a representation of 6 and 8 officers from the Army and Navy respectively. The Services can claim three presidents of the State Societies, and it is always pleasant, too, to claim Gen. Horace Porter, the President General of the National Society, as one of us. And we remember such names as Admiral Porter, and Gen. Meigs and Townsend and Joe Johnston among those we delighted to honor, and who have now gone before. The 29 general staff officers are distributed among the following departments: Adjutant Generals, 3; Inspector Generals, 2; Quartermasters, 3; Substence, 2; Medical, 10; Pay, 1; Corps of Engineers, 4; Ordnance, 2; Signal Corps, 2. There are 22 officers from the Cavalry, 14 from the Artillery, 43 from the Infantry, 21 retired officers, and one professor at the U. S. Military Academy. In the Navy there are 25 officers in the Line and 10 in the Staff. There probably never was a time when the spirit and growth of the Society were finer than now."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA.

DECEMBER 26, 1893.

LIEUT. C. L. H. RUGGLES, 3d Art., who, at the writing of our last letter, was in New York City, before the examining board for transfer to the Ordnance Department, returned home Dec. 20. He was the fortunate candidate, and now is receiving congratulations on his good fortune. In him the artillery loses one of its most promising young officers, but that he goes to the Ordnance is a satisfaction in itself. The artillery and Ordnance have mutual interests. The Ordnance gives the artillery the best it has in the way of arms and ammunition and the artillery the Ordnance its best it has in personnel. Lt. Kenly, 4th Art., who was before the same board with Lt. Ruggles, has been relieved from duty before it, and granted a leave until Jan. 3, 1894, that he might spend the holidays with the parents of Mrs. Kenly. Col. and Mrs. Closson, at Washington Barracks.

Lts. Irwin and Hains, 3d Art.; Hearn and Montgomery, 2d; Anderson and Barroll, 4th, and Ridgway, 5th Art., have been granted leaves to expire Jan. 3, 1894, to spend the holidays with friends; they are all absent now.

Capt. Wells Willard, C. S., post commissary, is away on a seven days' leave, which he is spending with friends in the North.

The gun cotton, torpedoes and other material expected from the Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, arrived at the post Dec. 20.

Christmas at this post was enjoyed as it properly should be, quietly. In the morning our boys were somewhat surprised to see a baseball club from the Hampton Normal School walk into the fort and challenge for a game. A hasty "scrub nine" was gotten together and tackled the visitors, but after a vain struggle the game was abandoned as 8 to 0 in favor of the whites and Indians from the Normal School. The soldiers were not in it. In the afternoon the football teams from the Hampton College challenged for a game of football. Some of the young gentlemen (sons of officers and others) home from college for the holidays picked up a few of the soldier boys to meet them, but although our people struggled hard, not understanding the tactics of the game, the Hampton College boys easily won; score 6 to 0. The Fort was not in it this time either.

The Christmas tree for the children connected with the Sunday school, and which will include all the children on the reservation, irrespective to sect or class, was set up in the hop room on Thursday evening, this week, and those who were not happy to see the little ones enjoy themselves on that occasion were not among those who attended. Our post chaplain, Mr. Freeland, is an ardent worker in everything he undertakes, and his efforts are sure to be crowned with success.

The post will take an easy time of it until the end of the holiday season, and get a good rest before undertaking to master the rest of the courses now on.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

DAVIDS ISLAND, N. Y. H.

DECEMBER 26, 1893.

Our little island home, although within sound (Long Island), is out of sight as a pleasant post. After a royal good dinner yesterday, consisting of the regulation turkey and fixings cooked to a turn by our French chef, we made one of a large sized audience who watched an interesting game of football between the 1st and 2d elevens. As the Douglas says:

"We watched the game from afar,
The memory of noble war,
And I would really prefer war, after seeing the appearance of Lieut. Van Vliet as he arose from beneath a pile of 21 players aggregating a weight of 3,300 lbs. who had been sitting on his head, but he held the ball and smiled. Sergt. Newland, supported by the giants, Adams and Whelan, played centre for the 1st Eleven, and were as rugged rocks upon which the other eleven hurled themselves like a restless sea, only to be dashed aside and shattered. Mr. Joe Gibson, of the N. Y. Athletic Club, played as a half back and coached the 1st Eleven, and to him is due the victory, which finally resulted in favor of his side by a score of 16 to 0. Corpl. Dickory captured the 2d Eleven and did it well, his best aid being Scholichoba, who made several pretty runs. There is a rumor of a return game soon, but everybody is stiff to-day, and Ranger says that if it had not been for the soft ground that he would have furnished a military funeral. So may be it will not occur."

We have high hopes for the championship in baseball next summer, as we have two bright particular stars now among us, Shanahan, who caught for Forties Monroe, and Lieut. Van Vliet, who has a record as a ball player second to none in the Army. Our invincible pitcher, Renner, will also be with us we hope, and with the best of the 500 recruits who will come to us before spring we expect to wipe the teams of Willets Point, Governor's Island, and Schuyler from off the face of the earth.

Col. Misner, the superintendent, umpired the game yesterday and did it well under the circumstances. Although it was football, there was no kicking. We are getting only a few old veterans at present, as recruiting has been suspended for a time, there being but a few vacancies in the Army.

Lieut. Wilhelm, of the 10th Infantry, commanded quite a batch of our friends in blue to their regiments in Texas last week.

Lt. Patton and Barber are away for the holidays. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

GRANT'S PERTINACITY.

"AFTER that terrible Sunday at Shiloh," Gen. Sherman said one day to the writer, "I started out to find Grant and see how we were to get across the river. It was pouring rain and pitch dark, there was considerable confusion, and the only thing just then possible, as it seemed to me, was to put the river between us and the enemy and recuperate. Full of only this idea, I ploughed around in the mud until at last I found him standing backed up against a wet tree, his hat well slouched down and coat well pulled up around his ears, an old tin lantern in his hand, the rain pelting on us both, and the inevitable cigar glowing between his teeth, having retired, evidently, for the night. Some wise and sudden instinct impelled me to a more cautious and less impulsive proposition than at first intended, and I opened up with, 'Well, Grant, we've had the devil's own day, haven't we?'"

"Yes," he said, with a short, sharp puff of the cigar; "liek 'em to-morrow, though."—Washington Post.

ENGLAND'S PACIFIC METHODS.

A SPECIAL from San Francisco, Dec. 26, to the N. Y. Tribune says: "From the South Seas comes the news that the trade of another large group of islands has been wrested from Americans by high-handed English methods. Over a year ago Captain Davis, of the British war vessel *Royalist*, hoisted the English flag over Butaritari, the largest island of the Gilbert group, after insulting the old King and the few American traders at that port. Since then the English have lusted after the whole group of islands, and recently Sir John Thompson, British High Commissioner for the Western Pacific and Governor of Fiji, has made an inspection of the Gilberts. His report was that a protectorate should be established over the whole group, and a British official put in charge with orders to push trade. This was done, and when the *Almy*, barkentine, which has just reached here, left the islands last month it was expected that the commissioner would arrive by the next steamer from Sydney. American traders are now in danger of being driven from the islands, whose trade they once controlled. They get little trade, as the natives find that they receive favors when they take copra and other products to the English traders."

MILITARY SIGNALING.

PRIVATE BOURKE—Th' liffinent sez thot th' message from Hoigh Peak doant make sense. It sez, too, cheek fourteen worrds an' we got eighteen. Private O'Toole (with satisfaction)—Well, we got enough onny way.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. R. 4795, Curtis. [This is the bill published in the JOURNAL of Dec. 16, p. 281, and numbered H. R. 4616.]

M. F. asks: What was the highest military title ever held by Gen. Grant? **Ans.**—He held the full rank of General.

S. P.—We suggest as a suitable motto for the society which you propose to organize, "For the cause that lacks assistance, 'Gainst the wrongs that need resistance, For the good that we can do."

W. H. B.—Col. John Withers, formerly Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. Army, who resigned in 1891, committed suicide Feb. 3, 1892, at San Antonio, Tex. See ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL of Feb. 6, 1892, page 418.

J. H. K. asks where he can obtain a copy of "Wheeler's Field Fortifications" and "Tidball's Manual of Artillery," and price. **Ans.**—D. Van Nostrand Co., 23 Murray street, New York. Price of former, \$1.75, and latter, \$3.00.

D. M. L. asks: Will you please inform me where and when the saying "Old Glory" as applied to our flag, was first used, and all you can about it and oblige? **Ans.**—We are unable to answer this question. Perhaps some of our readers can.

J. W. C. says: I enlisted in New York in 1891. Since that I have served, in different territories, in the U. S. Army. A person to vote in New York has to be a resident for a certain period. Have I lost my residence by reason of any service in the Army? **Ans.**—No.

Inquirer asks as to where there are some good preparatory schools for West Point? **Ans.**—There are two such schools at Highland Falls, one conducted by Lieut. Braden, U. S. A., and Maj. Hopkins, the other by Col. Caleb Huse, Mr. Jerome Deanna, the Principal of the village Public School, also prepares candidates for admission. Lieut. C. Braden's address is West Point, New York. Col. Huse may be addressed at Highland Falls, N. Y., Mr. Deanna also at Highland Falls, N. Y.

M. J. O. B.—Commissions in the U. S. Army cannot be purchased, but you might obtain one either from civil life, which are infrequent and require a good deal of influence, or you can enlist and work your way up to a commission. As you reside in Brooklyn, why not call at our office some week day (Friday and Saturday excepted) about 4.30 P. M., and you will be given full information verbally.

S. A. C., Jr.—Write to the Adjutant, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., for a copy of the circular which gives full information as to the physical and mental examination of candidates for cadetships. It is too early to say where you might be ordered for examination, probably to Fort Wayne, near Detroit, Mich.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT THOMAS, KY.

The lyceum season of 1898 and 1899 at Fort Thomas, as arranged for by the post commander, Col. M. A. Cochrane, 6th Inf., who himself will read a paper on Reminiscences of life in Rebel Prisons, is as follows: Lieut. Col. H. C. Egbert, 6th Inf., The Influences of Permanent Fortifications on Field Operations; Capt. J. P. Schindler, 6th Inf., Observations on the Uses and Purposes of Military Discipline; Capt. W. H. Crowell, 6th Inf., The Military tendency of the times; Capt. F. W. Tibbatt, 6th Inf., In reference to Fire Drill and Fire Discipline, extracts from the German extended order drill; Capt. G. B. Walker, 6th Inf., The Attack Formation for an Indian Battalion; Lieut. R. A. Byrne, 6th Inf., Observations of the different Armies in Battle; Lieut. Chas. Byrne, 6th Inf., Comments on the Art of War from Accepted Authorities; Lieut. Z. W. Torrey, 6th Inf., Transportation; Lieut. B. W. Atkinson, 6th Inf., Special Regimental Recruiting Service; Lieut. C. G. Morton, 6th Inf., Arnold's expedition to Quebec; Lieut. E. F. Taggart, 6th Inf., The New Army Rifle; Lieut. G. A. Ditchmead, 6th Inf., Reconnaissance of a Position; Lieut. H. H. Bandholtz, 6th Inf., Apaches as Soldiers; Lieut. G. C. Saffarans, 6th Inf., The Kentucky State Guard; Lieut. P. E. Pierce, 6th Inf., The Niagara Frontier; Lieut. W. E. Gleason, 6th Inf., The Hawaiian Islands; Lieut. W. C. Bennett, 6th Inf., The passage of a large river in the face of the enemy as illustrated by Napoleon in Crossing the Danube at the Island of Lobau in 1809; Capt. S. Baker, 6th Inf., Instruction at Army Posts.

FORT MEADE, S. D.

NUMBER 1, of Volume 1, of "The Regimental Standard," issued at Fort Meade on Christmas Day, is published in the interests of the 8th U. S. Cavalry, as its editors, Messrs. Connor and Woodhouse announce. Among the items we note the following:

Lieut. A. G. Hammond read a very interesting paper on the "Battle of Austerlitz" before the Lyceum at its last session.

Troop A was the recipient of a fine library this week, the gift of Leonard Bradley, Esq., of New York City, a friend of Lieut. A. M. Davis.

We trust that the officers and ladies at Fort Meade will continue their dramatic performances this winter, as the one given on the night of Dec. 14, was in every way most successful. The play rendered on this occasion was Dances's comedy, entitled "Naval Engagements." Lieut. A. G. Hammond was the Admiral Kingston, Lieut. A. M. Davis appeared as Lord Nelson, Lieut. C. N., as Lieut. Evans and Morgan as Short and Denis, respectively. Mrs. Evans was the Mrs. Pontifex, and Mrs. Kendall the Miss Mortimer of the play. All the parts were excellently rendered.

dered, Mrs. Evans showing herself to be a thorough actress, although this was her first appearance; and it is needless to say that Mrs. Kendall was charming, as usual. The topical song in the first act by Lieut. Hammond and Mrs. Kendall was very funny, and they were vociferously recalled. Lieut. Hammond is so well known in the regiment, indeed, we may say in the Army generally, as an old stager, that it goes without saying the part of Admiral Kingston was bristled of fun from beginning to end. Lieut. Davis again showed us what an excellent "Juvenile" man he is, and Lieut. Evans was a genuine surprise in the part of Short, and met with a very hearty reception from his host of friends among the audience. Lieut. Morgan had but a small part, but he made the most of it and secured a decided success. The play from the rise of the curtain to its fall showed excellent stage management, and much credit is due Captain Kendall as manager. A new scene was painted especially for this occasion by Pvt. Von Duren, of the band, which will be a valuable addition to our post theatre. The 8th Cavalry orchestra furnished the music.

(For the Army and Navy Journal.)

A SOLDIER'S LOVE.

In love? well—yes; if loving means the ne'er-forgotten bliss,
When rosy lips are baptized in the nectar of a kiss,
When all the world seems dreary if the loved one is away,
But when she's nestling by your side the world is bright as May;
And this is how it came about—if you should care to know—
"Just a song at twilight when the lights are low."

A dainty, sweet, old-fashioned lay that, in the olden time,
Was sung by some Crusader on the plains of Palestine;
A tender lyric, breathing forth the old and oft-told tale,
Of hearts that never falter and of hopes that never fail;
A simple ballad, simply writ, of lovers long ago—
"Just a song at twilight when the lights are low."

The stars their silver handkerchiefs swung out across the stream,
The perfumed room was silent in the lamp-light's softened gleam,
And as she sang I noticed (there were only she and I)
Her bosom heave and tear-mists cloud the glory of her eye;
Her gentle heart was melted at another lover's woe—
"Just a song at twilight when the lights are low."

It ended; but the love-notes hung enfolded on the air,
And Hesper's ethereal brightness danced upon my spirit there;

Methodized the heart this roundelay can so profoundly move
Will never be insensible to words of honest love,
And then—but what I said, or did, that even I'll ne'er know—
"Just a song at twilight when the lights are low."

The long, dark lashes fluttered down upon her eyes as she sang:
Across the stainless brow outwrest a flush of crimson fire;
The sweet mouth quivered; startled sighs flew heavenward from her breast;
Awhile she stood in all her charms and virgin love confessed,
Then hid within my circling arms, as hides the wounded doe—
"Just a song at twilight when the lights are low."

WILL STOKES.

The Sun of December 25 copies seven poems by Mr. Stokes which have appeared in the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, accompanying them with this interesting statement: "Here is a new poet. He is a private in Battery G, 1st Artillery, stationed at Fort Hamilton, and his name is Wm. Stokes. A few months ago he sent some of his verses to the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, signed as he has been described above. Editor Church had no doubt about the availability of the verses, but he did doubt the genuineness of the signature, thinking that some officer, fresh from his studies and books at West Point, was, in the disguise of a private, wooing the muse. Mr. Church investigated, and found that Stokes was indeed a private in Battery G, with the record of a 'good soldier.' Those verses were published, and the same paper has since printed about a dozen more contributions from the same writer. Some one in the 7th Regiment (N. G. S. N. Y.) found he verses, liked them, hunted up Stokes, sung his praises as a patriotic singer and balladist of American Army life, introduced him to other men in the Seventh, and when the Seventh had its Christmas-tree party Private Stokes was there, and found on the tree a handsome silver match box from his militia admirers. That's another credit mark for the Seventh."

ACCORDING to an official despatch, war is beginning between Nicaragua and Honduras. The quarrel of the two small republics has grown out of the circumstance that Nicaragua gave asylum, some months ago, to the Honduran revolutionists who had tried to overthrow President Vasquez, and who had taken refuge in the adjacent country. Honduras expects to receive the assistance of Guatemala, and Nicaragua that of Salvador.

For the purpose of testing the availability of aluminum as a material for the hulls of vessels, the French government has ordered the construction by the English firm Yarrow, of a small torpedo-boat, an action which excites the surprise of Le Yacht. What renders the action of the French government the more strange is the circumstance that Yarrow and Co., entirely inexperienced in construction from this novel material, are very strongly suspected of having obtained all the practical knowledge of work they have undertaken from a French source, the *Chantier de St. Denis*. This establishment some months ago commenced a racing yacht for the Count Chabannes de La Palice, the chief French yachtman, to be made of aluminum.

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GETTY.—At Fort Keogh, Mont., Nov. 27, to Lieutenant and Mrs. R. N. Getty, a son, ROBERT NELSON.

WEBBER.—At San Diego Barracks, Cal., Dec. 1, to the wife of Commissary Sergeant George Webber, U. S. Army, a son.

MARRIED.

BAIRD—PUTNAM.—At Fort Yates, N. D., Dec. 25, Hospital Steward JAMES W. BAIRD, U. S. A., to Miss EULALIA PUTNAM, of Glen Avon, N. D.

BIXBY—JONES.—At Washington, D. C., Dec. 27, by the Rev. Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith, Wm. HERBERT BIXBY, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, to Mrs. LIDE ROGERS JONES, of Philadelphia, Pa.

DEWSNAP—THOMAS.—At Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 30, CLARA, only daughter of Emily and the late Lieutenant George E. Thomas, U. S. N., to Mr. WALTER DEWSNAP, of Saddle River, N. J.

WROOM—WOOD.—At Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 19, by the Rev. E. S. Thomas, Bishop of Kansas, assisted by the Rev. Charles C. Pierce, U. S. Army, Major PETER DUMONT WROOM, Inspector General, U. S. A., and Miss MARGARET EMILY WOOD, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Palmer G. Wood, 12th Infantry.

WILEY—WOOD.—At Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20, Ensign HENRY A. WILEY, U. S. Navy, to Miss ROBERTA MORGAN WOOD, daughter of the late Surgeon-General W. M. Wood, U. S. Navy.

DIED.

BLACK.—At Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 16, the Hon. JAS. BLACK, father of Captain Wm. M. Black, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

CORY.—At Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 20, Mrs. C. G. CORY, mother of Paymaster W. W. Barry, U. S. Navy.

HARVEY.—At Washington, D. C., Dec. 16, RICHARD M. HARVEY, formerly Passed Midshipman, U. S. Navy.

JOHNSON.—At his residence in Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, Captain CHARLES AKERS JOHNSON, U. S. Army, retired.

MCCLURE.—At Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 15, Mrs. MARGARETTA GIBSON MCCLURE.

MCHEENRY.—At Louisville, Ky., Dec. 12, Judge MARTIN D. MCHEENRY, father-in-law of Colonel Albert G. Brackett, U. S. Army.

NORVELL.—At Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18, 1893, Captain JOHN MASON NORVELL, U. S. Army, retired.

SHIFF.—At New York City, Dec. 23, ANNE BRYAN, wife of Theodore A. Shiff and daughter of the late Colonel Timothy Matlack Bryan, formerly of the U. S. Army.

SHIMMEL.—After a brief illness, Sunday, Dec. 17, Captain AUGUST SHIMMEL, late Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Volunteers, in the 65th year of his age.

YOUNG.—At his home, 465 West 23d street, New York City, WM. CLARK YOUNG, formerly 2d Lieutenant, 3d U. S. Artillery.

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